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MUKDEN'S DANGER.

ENEMY TROOP'S STEADY
ADVANCE.

IMPOSSIBLE TO REORGANISE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, December 9.

Kuo Sung-feng is semi-officially reported to be in Chingchow where much fighting is reported to have occurred in the suburbs.

His troops are advancing slowly owing to the Mukden forces having broken the railway.

Hence the capture of Mukden may not occur for some time, but it is still thought impossible that the Mukden faction can reorganise its forces.

FIGHTING BEGINS.

Peking, December 9.

Fighting broke out between Li Ching-feng's troops and Kuo Ming-chun's forces about noon today.

One span of the bridge at Yangtsun was blown up. Communication by rail is consequently interrupted, and the International train which was despatched from Peking this morning was unable to reach Peking.

EARLIER CABLES.

Tokyo, December 9.

Official advisers from Newchwang report that Chingchow was looted by Chang Tso-lin's troops two or three days ago. But Kuo Sung-feng's men have now taken the town and are restoring order.

A message from Mukden says it is officially learned that the Consular Body has requested the Japanese Consul-General to protect foreigners with Japanese troops, if necessary, which Mr. Yoshida has promised to do. It is understood the Government is anxious to avoid supplementing the Kuomintang garrison as it fears the Chinese will misinterpret such action. The War Minister is satisfied that the present troops will be sufficient.

Tokyo, December 9.

Four hundred Japanese troops are en route from Port Arthur to Mukden. All foreigners have been evacuated from Minglin. Chang Tso-lin is reported to have proceeded to Kirin.

Peking, December 9.

Kuo Sung-feng's advance guard is approaching the Liao River. The Japanese gendarmes are assisting the police of Mukden.

Tokyo, December 9.

A War Office despatch from Mukden reports that numbers of refugees are arriving, but the city is quiet. Chang Tso-lin is still in Mukden and his troops are holding the Liao river line pending the assembly of from 70,000 to 80,000 men about a week hence, when he is expected to make his final attempt.

Tsingtao, December 9.

After routing the rebellious troops at Kuomi, Wei Shien is disarming Chung Hwa-ping's soldiers at Chofoo. Pi Shou-chen returned here yesterday, having made himself supreme in eastern Shanghai. Nothing further has been heard of Pi Shou-chen's advance and it is thought he is nearing Kuomi.

A parade was held yesterday morning of 400 Japanese marines carrying their colours and sidearms. It occasioned much comment.

JAPANESE TROOPS IN MUKDEN.

Tokyo, December 9.

It is learned from the War Office that the headquarters of the tenth division arrived at Mukden from Liaoyang this morning. The 63rd Infantry Regiment and a battery of artillery from Port Arthur and a cavalry squadron from Kang-chung, all in the same division, are also proceeding to Mukden for the protection of Japanese and other foreign residents. If required, though all the units are much under strength, reinforcements from Korea and Japan are not likely to be required.

"N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy; some drizzle or mist" is the weather forecast till noon tomorrow for Hongkong and Canton. For the Formosa Channel it is "N. winds, fresh to strong. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the coast and over the northern China Sea. The sea beyond has been calm. The weather has been calm. The sea beyond has been calm."

"RENNIE'S FOLLY."

FUTURE WELL-KNOWN
LANDMARK.

TRAGIC INCIDENT RECALLED

A GOVERNMENT QUARANTINE
STATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rennie's Mills at Junk Bay (or Rennie's Folly as the locality is sometimes known) have been under reconstruction for some time, the work being carried out by the P.W.D., and they are now practically ready for use as a quarantine station.

It was in 1908 that the idea of milling wheat to compete in China with Australian and American flour was put into execution there. The scheme, however, ended in disaster, leading to the suicide of Rennie, the man who had primarily interested himself in it, and to heavy loss by a well-known bank which held mortgages on the property.

The reason for the failure of the scheme is difficult to understand as the locality had natural advantages, and deep water enabled ships to go practically alongside. But it certainly proved a gigantic failure and Rennie, on whose mind it had preyed, jumped overboard from the launch one day as it was returning to Hongkong.

The mills remained derelict until the Government bought them finally to make use of them as a quarantine station. This will be for the purpose of keeping under observation deck hands from ships on which there has been small-pox or cholera, there being at present no means of keeping in touch with such persons when they leave the ship. Cabin passengers will not be required to go there as it is much easier to keep track of them, and if necessary to make periodical examination for any signs of disease.

Asked this morning when the station would be ready for use, the Hon. Dr. J. B. Addison, P.C.M.O., said that, if necessary, it could be brought into use straight away, although the work was not actually quite completed. There would be capacity for almost 2,000, if necessary, as the huge storerooms of the original mills had been made use of. Its situation was good as it was remote and not easy to get away from. With cholera notified from Swatow it might have to be brought into use at any moment.

PARTY SPLIT.

REPORTED KUOMINTANG
DIFFERENCES.

SUN FO AND WU TE-CHEN.

Activities by Kuomintang members in Shanghai, alleged to be directed against the Canton authorities, are reported by cable to the "Wah Tsz Yat Po."

It is hinted that Sun Fo and General Wu Te-chen (former Police Commissioner) are co-operating closely in Shanghai where the Right Party of the Kuomintang is not working in harmony.

The message states that General Wu's departure from Canton was due to pressure by General Cheung Kai-shek (commander-in-chief) and that proposals are afoot to drive out the "Communist" (or Left) Party of the Kuomintang from Canton.

A telegram from Canton to the same paper says that the Investigation Bureau has accused Wu Te-chen of incompetence in his duties as Police Commissioner and with regard to the assassination of Liu Chung-wei. Liu Long-tai is the new Police Commissioner.

STEAMER'S MISHAP.

(Reuter's Service.)

Santo Domingo, Dec. 8. The Japanese steamer "Belgium Maru" from Cebu to New York is stranded at the entrance of Samana Bay. She is now being towed.

The Government has consented to purchase from the Cebu and Manila, also trophies for the army and navy. The Government has consented to purchase from the Cebu and Manila, also trophies for the army and navy.

CANTON BOYCOTT.

BRITISH OFFICIALS
EFFORTS.

FURTHER ATTEMPT.

STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF
COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 9.

In the House of Commons, questioned as to the extent of the Government's efforts to end the boycott at Canton and Hongkong, Mr. Locker Lampson said that the conditions prevailing at Canton necessitated the leaving to the local British officials large discretion.

Their efforts had been unremitting, and although hitherto unsuccessful, he understood a further attempt was now being made to reach a settlement.

Local Notes.

Until Monday it is not expected that any definite step will be made in the steps toward actual mediation.

As published yesterday Mr. Young Sai-nam has been quoted as having communicated a request, from the Canton Government, to H.E. the Governor that an official delegate be appointed in addition to the four already nominated. This request, it is understood, is under consideration.

The date of departure of Hongkong's delegation has yet to be fixed.

No hitch has been reported in the preparations of Hongkong's "fraternity" visit of Chinese merchants to Canton.

MIDNIGHT FIRE.

BUILDINGS AND CONTENTS
DESTROYED.

GIRL'S REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

Three buildings of three storeys, together with their entire contents were destroyed by a fire which broke out at midnight and raged fiercely until 1.30 this morning at Des-Vaux Road West.

The outbreak is believed to have been caused by sparks from a fire used for drying tea leaves on the third floor of the middle house, No. 209, and spread rapidly to the two adjoining houses, which were all soon ablaze. This floor served the purposes of a godown for tea leaves belonging to the Kwong On import and export firm, who occupied all the floors here as also two floors in each of the adjoining houses, No. 207 and 211.

The ground floor of No. 207 was used as a grocery store by another firm. Immediately on the alarm being given the No. 7 Police Station staff arrived on the scene and set to work by connecting up a hose with a street hydrant, while some devoted their attention to rescue work. Although poor pressure was obtained, some useful pioneer work was done in checking the flames from spreading further.

Pending the arrival of the fire equipments under Superintendent Brooks and Station House Officer Condon, the Brigade worked strenuously for over an hour and succeeded in checking the flames.

A remarkable discovery was made this morning when the firemen carried out an inspection with the aid of ladders. On a balcony outside a window on the third floor of No. 209 was found an eight-year-old girl lying in a state of unconsciousness with slight burns on the face. She had sought this refuge outside the wall and had been lying there unnoticed during the operations.

This girl, Ki Mei, was found missing when a count was taken of the inmates, but her mother, who was one of the rescued, informed the police that she had reason to believe that she had been away from the building. The girl was sent to the Government Civil Hospital after preliminary medical aid which brought her back to consciousness.

The stock of the import and export firm was insured with the Kwong On Insurance Company for \$30,000. The insurers have held a policy with the New Zealand Insurance Company for \$100,000.

The buildings were completely new and the loss was a considerable one.

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THE P. & O. LINE.

REVIEW AT ANNUAL
MEETING.

ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 9.

Lord Inchcape, presiding at the meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., touched on a number of economic questions affecting the Company's interests. He said the replenishment of ships suspended in consequence of the high shipbuilding costs reduced the dividend distribution, which was only made possible by the help of investments and drawing on reserves.

He condemned the Protectionist policy in the application of the Safeguarding of Industries Act.

Referring to the question of the Dominions tariffs, he drew attention to their disposition to shut out manufactures by tariffs or subsidies, and mentioned in this connection the latest proposal of India to put an Import Duty on British coal, while in the case of Australia, it was concluded from statistics that immigrants were increasingly entering urban industries as against settling on the land, and the former were being more and more protected against imports.

Lord Inchcape said it appeared to be the aim of India and the Dominions to manufacture all their requirements and to import nothing. Therefore Britain could not rely on Empire trade.

He declared we could not escape the dependence of foreign markets.

He was convinced that the restoration of the gold standard was proper.

He considered that Trade Unionists would never succumb to the seditious doctrine which had its headquarters at Moscow.

He was of the opinion that not ten per cent. of the seamen had at heart the recent strike in Australasia and South Africa, which was led by avowed Communists.

The significant fact was that only British vessels were involved.

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RAW SILK.

WITHIN THE EMPIRE
SCHEME.

HONGKONG SUITABLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 9.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Department of Overseas Trade is considering the possibility of promoting production of raw silk within the Empire.

Preliminary investigation shows that Cyprus, Kenya, the highlands of North Queensland, Hongkong, Iraq and parts of India are suitable.

CHOLERA.

OUTBREAK ON GERMAN
STEAMER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madras, Dec. 9.

The German cargo steamer "Trifele" which arrived from Hamburg last week has been quarantined owing to a sudden outbreak of cholera on board.

Two members of the crew have died, and seven are in hospital.

TURN OF TIDE.

BRIGHTER INDUSTRIAL
OUTLOOK.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 10.

In a speech at Portsmouth, Sir F. Steel Maitland (Minister for Labour) said unquestionably the industrial tide had turned. The cotton trade was very much better than it was a few months ago.

The steel trade was also improving, and the iron trade was also improving.

The coal trade was also improving, and the oil trade was also improving.

The sugar trade was also improving, and the rubber trade was also improving.

ONLY A SCARE.

THE SPY CASE NOT
SERIOUS.

TRAGIC VIEW ABSURD.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 9.

The supposed espionage case is now believed to be only a matter of commercial competition between big aviation firms.

COLD FACTS.

Newspapers are beginning to take a less alarmist view of the espionage case.

The "Intransigent" quotes M. Eynac, Under Secretary of Air, as saying his department knows nothing of Marthe Moreuil and the information that interested her is available to anybody.

The "Intransigent" adds that all information the supposed spies apparently wanted is available to the public in the Aeronautic Year Book. In any case the British Air Ministry could obtain everything it wanted from the office.

The Under Secretary of Air, the "Intransigent" concludes, is deprecating the tragic view of the affair: "It would be a pity if such minor incidents lessened the mutual Anglo-French confidence recently consecrated by Locarno."

NEUROTIC ROMANCER.

Paris, Dec. 9.

In view of the fact that a search of Moreuil's belongings and the residences of the three accused Englishmen has not revealed a vestige of incriminating evidence, Moreuil's self-accusations as no longer regarded seriously.

Acquaintances describe her as neurotic with a tendency to megalomania while the willingness with which she poured out her confessions, coupled with the childish nature of the majority of the assertions made, encourages scepticism.

COMPANY DISAVOWED.

Paris, Dec. 9.

In connection with the espionage case the British Embassy states that no British Government Service has ever been in touch in any way with the British wireless company in Paris whose British representatives have been arrested, nor has it any knowledge of the operations of this company.

The budget estimates for the coming year show an expenditure of \$3,806,000,000, an increase of \$180,000,000.

Most of the increase goes to the Postal Service which is operating on a new schedule of wages, and the Veterans' Bureau, to meet the increasing requirements of the soldiers' bonus.

The Army and Navy estimates are substantially unchanged, but the Aviation Service is to receive somewhat larger funds for additional equipment.

The appropriation for Coast guards is to be increased by \$3,500,000, mainly to provide a more efficient enforcement of the Prohibition Law.

President Coolidge, in a budget message to Congress, said a minimum cost of running the Government has been reached and a normal expansion of the nation would henceforth involve additional expenditure to keep the Government machinery in motion.

He anticipated a surplus of \$29,000,000 for the year 1926-27, and \$278,000,000 for the current year.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

RUBBER CONTROL.

Mr. Hoover's "Invitation."

Mr. Hoover, the United States
 Secretary of Commerce, in a
 speech before the Chamber of
 Commerce at Erie, Pennsylvania,
 recently, issued a significant
 "invitation" to foreign Govern-
 ments to abandon control of pro-
 duction in raw materials.

He declared that the United
 States is spending \$160,000,000
 for imports which are subject to
 such control. He instanced
 rubber, coffee, silk, nitrates,
 potash, quinine, iodine, tin, sisal,
 some dyestuffs, quicksilver, and
 certain tanning extracts as being
 subject to price control by Gov-
 ernment action, and he declared
 that if these practices continued
 they would inevitably set up
 "great malignant currents of in-
 ternational ill-will" and lead to
 trade wars.

He drew a alarming picture
 of the possibility of the wool
 trade being controlled by govern-
 mental action within the British
 Empire, and said that the United
 States, the "strongest of all
 nations," could retaliate by con-
 trolling prices of cotton, oil, and
 copper.

So far the United States, as
 a Government, had set up no
 such controls, and through the
 action of the Sherman Act had
 prevented her citizens from doing
 so. But were she to do so, an
 incalculable impetus would be
 given "to forces of evil in the
 commercial world which genera-
 tions could not remedy."

American consumers to-day,
 he stated, are being victimized to
 the tune of \$60,000,000 by
 artificial prices established by
 foreign governmental control
 over the production of raw
 materials.

Mr. Hoover's speech appeared
 simultaneously with the publica-
 tion in Democratic newspapers of
 significant allusions to the im-
 mense balance of trade favour-
 able to the United States. Cuba
 alone, it is pointed out, has
 in the past year \$16,000,000 of
 her exports to the United States
 by American's cut-throat sugar
 tariff.

PROPERTY VALUES.

British Post Office Site Sold At

Shanghai.

The land on which formerly
 stood the old British Post Office
 at Shanghai, together with the
 buildings, were sold by auction
 on November 25, the highest bidder
 offering Tls. 283,000, or Tls. 33,-
 000 higher than the upset price.
 The purchasers were the Shang-
 hai Land Investment Co., Ltd.
 The only other bidder was Mr. V.
 Priestwood.

The "N. C. Daily News"
 says:—The sale by auction of the
 property on which the old Brit-
 ish Post Office stands shows
 that land values in Shanghai have
 by no means deteriorated. A few
 years ago some property in the
 same vicinity as this was dis-
 posed of for Tls. 50,000 a piece,
 and the latest Municipal assess-
 ment places it at Tls. 85,000,
 while yesterday's price was about
 Tls. 123,000 a piece. There are
 certain qualities about that dis-
 trict which account for the
 steadily increasing value of land
 there, and not the least among
 them is that Peking Road and its
 adjoining thoroughfares—at its
 eastern end, of course—are be-
 coming the Chinese banking
 centre, and this not for Shanghai
 alone but it may be said that this
 district will prove to be the
 centre for Chinese banking in the
 whole country. The Chinese ob-
 viously believe so, otherwise they
 would not be erecting great
 seven-storied buildings such as
 have recently gone up. Of
 course, there are other factors
 which all tend to enhance the
 value of property in this special
 area. When the old Chinese Post
 Office came down a much-needed
 road widening project was em-
 arked upon, principally affect-
 ing Szechuan Road; it is true, but
 at the same time improving the
 general access to this part of the
 Settlement. Then the old Chapoo
 Road Bridge has seen its last
 days and is being replaced by a
 wide structure, which will add
 greatly to the importance of
 Museum Road as an artery for
 traffic. The British Post Office
 site is a corner one, having
 frontages both to Peking and
 Museum Roads, and in view of
 the considerations we have men-
 tioned above its value is very
 great. Hence the keen bidding,
 which took place on the occasion
 of the auction. The principal
 thing, however, apart from these
 special points shown by the
 auction, is the continued high
 value of land here.

TOO MODEST.

British Merchants Failing.

Senr. E. Arroyo Lamedá, Com-
 mercial Attaché of the Venezue-
 lan Legation in London, writing
 to a London paper says:

"Since I have been in England
 I have had the opportunity of
 meeting a great many of Brit-
 ain's leading manufacturers—
 mostly those whose interests lie
 in Venezuela and South America
 —and what has impressed me is
 the modesty of the average Brit-
 ish manufacturer where his own
 goods are concerned.
 "British goods are of the best
 —we say and know that in
 Venezuela, but we are not told it
 by the Briton himself. Now
 that Great Britain is actively
 beginning to join in the race for
 South American trade, may I be
 permitted to suggest one or two
 points?"

"First, advertising is essen-
 tial. Goods, even British ones, are
 not always sold on their merits,
 but more often by the perspicu-
 ity of the travellers. Moreover,
 representatives must have a full
 acquaintance with the psychologi-
 cal and social aspects of the
 people to whom they are selling.
 "It is British capital that has
 had a big share in making
 Venezuela, for her size one of the
 fastest-growing countries to-day;
 and in the same way British
 money has been largely instru-
 mental in bringing her to the
 front of the world's oil-producing
 countries. Her great cotton
 potentialities are only now being
 developed. It is not surprising,
 therefore, that the Venezuelan
 Government itself should display
 an interest in British industrial
 enterprise.

"I myself shall be glad to give
 any information I can and to fur-
 ther commercial intercourse be-
 tween Great Britain and Vene-
 zuela if the modest British mer-
 chant will allow me."

TRADE ENQUIRIES.

The following trade inquiries
 have been received by the Amer-
 ican Chamber of Commerce
 (Shanghai) from American busi-
 ness firms for the purposes in-
 dicated.

Williamson Candy Company,
 5th and Kirkham Sts., Oakland,
 California, wish representation
 in the Orient.

Seattle Ginseng Co., P. O. Box
 1841, Seattle, Wash, wish to
 market ginseng roots in China.

The Home Products Corpora-
 tion, Jackson, Michigan, man-
 ufacturers of the White Frost Re-
 frigerators, wish to secure a re-
 presentative in China.

Kauffman-Norton Company,
 Rialto Building, San Francisco,
 manufacturers of "Electrofrags,"
 an electrically lighted gas floor
 furnace, wish to get in touch with
 a firm that will handle retail
 sales and install the units.

Riheladfer and Casey, Export
 and Import and Commission
 Agents (Both Americans) Borgo
 Delgi Albizi, 18, Florence, Italy
 desire to communicate with firms
 desiring representation in Italy.

Albert E. Betts, 126 Liberty
 St., New York City, wishes to act
 as Resident Purchasing Agent in
 New York for an American firm
 in Shanghai importing American
 merchandise.

Max Stetson Brokerage Com-
 pany, 5303 Kensington Place,
 Seattle, Wash, wishes to hear
 from American firms in Shang-
 hai prepared to export walnuts
 and peanuts, both shelled and un-
 shelled, egg products (flake,
 dried, liquid, etc.)

LUMBER MARKET.

The improvement noted lately
 in the lumber market continues
 and may culminate in heavy ex-
 ports the latter part of the year
 or the first part of 1926, accord-
 ing to Florencio Tamesis, chief
 of the saw-mills and utilization
 division, bureau of forestry, is
 reviewing the lumber activities
 for September and October.

Heavy buying continues, ac-
 cording to Tamesis, although
 actual exportation registered a
 decrease in October, due largely
 to lack of shipping facilities.
 The Australian market was par-
 ticularly active. Two local lum-
 ber firms have made arrange-
 ments for shipment to Australia
 of more than a million feet.

Business in hardwood (con-
 struction material) continues to
 gain momentum with prices in-
 creasing. Demands for ipil-
 yasal and guijo were active.

Exports for October amounted
 to 4,784,416 board feet valued at
 \$381,991, as compared with
 3,217,312 board feet valued at
 \$266,699 for the same month in
 1924. United States, Australia
 and China rank in order of im-
 portation each importing more
 than a million feet.

Lumber shipments for October
 amounted to 15.6 million board
 feet as compared with 14.6 mil-
 lion board feet in 1924. The
 production by 30 mills amounted

to 15 million board feet. That
 is about the same as in 1924, he
 says, while the lumber in stock
 amounted to 36,021,636 as com-
 pared with 27,850,984 in 1924.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1925.

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On Paris:—

On demand:—

On New York:—

On demand:—

On Bombay:—

On Calcutta:—

On Shanghai:—

On demand:—

On Hongkong:—

On demand:—

On Yokohama:—

On demand:—

On Manila:—

On demand:—

On Cebu:—

On demand:—

On Singapore:—

On demand:—

On Batavia:—

On demand:—

On Soerabaya:—

On demand:—

On Hongkong Sub. Gold:—

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BUILDING A DAM TO BURST IT.

COSTLY EXPERIMENT.

Dams are usually built to last. The idea of constructing one, and then deliberately putting such a strain on it that it will give way would seem to be a new one. This is now to be done for testing purposes, states a press bulletin issued by the Engineering Foundation (New York). More than \$70,000 has been raised by a special committee of the Foundation, which, to settle engineering problems centuries old, will erect and destroy an arch dam, one hundred feet high, on Stevenson Creek, a tributary of the San Joaquin River, about sixty miles east of Fresno, California. Engineers of America and Europe are aiding the plan, which is attracting world interest among engineers. "Testing to destruction" an actual structure, it was said, is new to engineering effort. About \$100,000 will be spent to determine by this method the principles of concrete arch design.

The arch dam investigation is being made by members of the American Society of Civil Engineers in co-operation with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, the States of California and Oregon, the city of San Francisco, Los Angeles County, power companies, irrigation districts, universities, and individual engineers.

During the summer the foundation for the dam is being prepared and other initial steps taken in construction work. A large number of special instruments for measuring stresses, taking temperatures, and observing the slight movements of the dam during its construction and testing will be made. These instruments will be carefully tested at the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce in Washington before being put into the dam.

"Many factors combine to make this unusual experiment possible," said a statement issued at the headquarters of the Engineering Foundation in New York. "The nature conditions at the dam site are remarkably favourable."

"Proximity to the main water-supply conduit of the Southern California Edison Company assure an ample water supply under complete control. Moreover, the quantity of water needed and the consequent danger from failure of the dam as it is tested are minimized by the peculiar ruggedness of the site."

"The dam itself will be of striking dimensions. The abutments are to be excavated to solid rock foundation, giving the elevation in general 90-degree V-shape. At its lowest point the dam is to be seven feet five inches thick, gradually tapering to two feet at the thirty-foot level, above which it retains this thickness."

"It is proposed to build first to a sixty-foot height, and after making complete tests to extend the dam, two feet in thickness, forty feet further in ten-foot lifts to a total elevation of 100 feet. The upstream radius of curvature of the arch will be uniform, 100 feet."

STRUCTURE OF GREAT SIZE. "In size the structure will actually exceed some existing arch dams, so that the results of testing will have immediate practical utility. The local advantages will promote ease and speed of a great variety of observation. Not the least among the conditions favourable to the project are the character of engineering talent in charge of the tests and the extensive financial support of public utility corporations, construction companies, manufacturers, and engineers."

"The placing of concrete masonry is expected to begin in October. When the dam has been built to a height of sixty feet, it will be subjected to tests and observations about one year. It is then planned to increase its height in ten-foot steps to a total of 100 feet. At each stage the testing will be continued."

"The dam is to be situated in a rough, rocky gorge in the mountains, where no damage could result if the dam should break under the tests. An important water-supply conduit of the Southern California Edison Company, just above, will afford the use of the water as needed for the tests without dependence upon local rainfall or melting snow."

"The tests, it is said, will be useful in designing and building other concrete structures, particularly other type of dams and arches for other purposes."

Tokyo, December 9.—It is understood that owing to the Government expecting to be held pressed in the coming Diet session, Mr. Nagatsuka is not going as Japan's representative to the Extra-Territoriality Commission, but is appointing Mr. Hiroi instead.

WHEN YOU'RE DEAD.

A TESTATOR'S RIGHTS IN HIS BODY.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS.

A partially published correspondence between Lord Knutsford and Mr. F. N. Charrington indicates that the law as to the disposal of the dead is not too well known, writes Alfred Fellows in the "Sunday Times." Mr. Charrington, with the noble ideal of serving humanity in death as in life, desires that his body shall be delivered to the London hospital for such use as the staff there can best make of it, but a doubt underlies the minds of both correspondents as to the law applicable.

Probably few persons will wish their mortal remains to be treated as Mr. Charrington does, but quite a number will prefer cremation to burial, and others may wish to be buried in places of their own choice. The law applicable may thus be worth knowing.

One caution may be given at the outset. It is very usual for the family lawyer or other custodian of the will to break its cover and read it after the funeral. Manifestly, therefore, a direction in the will for cremation or for burial at A will be frustrated if the body has been buried at B, unless, at great trouble and expense, a facility for exhumation or licence from the Home Secretary has been obtained. Therefore, any such direction in a will, if given, should be supplemented by a letter to the persons nominated as executors, who should also be asked whether, if the direction is lawful, they will be ready to carry it out. In that case the testator might also inform them if it be the case, that he has left them their legacies conditionally on the performance of their promise. A testator who does this will have done as much as lies in his power to see his wishes carried out.

A QUEER LAW SUIT.

A testator may desire his body to be (a) buried at a particular place or in a particular vault, (b) cremated, (c) buried at sea, (d) delivered to a medical authority for dissection, or (e) disposed of in some other way.

It was held in a curious case in 1882, and consequently long before the Cremation Act, which was passed in 1902, (1) that there is no property in a dead body, but the executors have a right to the possession of it, and their duty in the ordinary case is to bury it; and (2) that a direction by will as to the disposition of the testator's body could not be enforced. One practical reason for such a ruling would no doubt be that, the dead man being unable to do so, no one else could compel it. The case was a remarkable one, of a testator directing his executors to deliver his body to a woman friend for the purposes of cremation. They buried it, and she subsequently obtained a licence for exhumation, and had it cremated at Milan at an expense of £300, for which she unsuccessfully sued the executors. In two cases a few years afterwards it was held that it was not necessarily an offence to burn a dead body but, unless carried out in accordance with the Cremation

Act and rules under it, this has now been made so since 1902.

A legacy to executors conditional on any lawful disposal of the body directed by the testator would no doubt be good, and, if they disregarded the condition, such legacies would not be payable. It would be no use, however, giving such a conditional legacy to any person not nominated executor, because he or she would have no power to require the condition to be carried out.

BURIAL AT SEA.

In two matters only a testator's directions appear to be imperative, namely, if he gives his body for the purposes of anatomical dissection (by writing, or verbally in his last illness, before two witnesses) under the Anatomy Act of 1832, his nearest relative raising no objection, or if he leaves a written direction forbidding cremation. In each of the above two cases the executors must obey his directions.

Burial at sea, though extremely unusual for those who die on land, does not appear to be unlawful, and could therefore validly be made the condition of an executor's legacy. As to any other possible method of disposal, it may be broadly laid down that there must be no disregard of decency, or danger of nuisance to the living, and if such conditions can be observed in following out a testator's wishes for an unorthodox disposal of his body, such wishes may be lawfully carried out.

CAERGYBI.

HOLYHEAD CHANGES ITS NAME.

Holyhead is to change its name to Caergybi, the ancient Welsh title meaning Fort of Gylbi. Gylbi was a fourth-century saint.

This decision has been arrived at by the Holyhead Council, with four dissenting votes.

Holyhead is the Anglesea island seaport in North Wales, from which the boats put out for Dublin.

Mr. L. C. Evans, town clerk of Salford, a Welshman and philologist, declared the word, as near as it could be expressed phonetically in English to be "Kargybi." He rolled his "r's" and sounded the last "i" as an Englishman would, but he said there was no exact equivalent in English for the "y." Caergybi, he added, was a reversion to Holyhead's Welsh name, which enshrined the memory of Saint Gylbi, who preached the Christian religion in the Holy Island.

NOTICES.

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E. B. C. HORNELL,
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Hongkong 3rd December, 1925.

NOTICE.

THE Hongkong University Engineering Society will hold its Annual Dinner on SATURDAY, 10th December, 1925 at 8 o'clock, in the Great Hall of the University.

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"KASHGAR"	9,005	26th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	5th Jan.	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	9,114	13th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	9,097	21st Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Ceylon & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,841	29th Jan.	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	9,385	6th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MORRA"	10,811	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KASHGAR"	9,005	22nd Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	30th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	9,097	15th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Ceylon & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,841	23rd Mar.	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	9,385	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MORRA"	10,811	8th Apr.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th Feb.	do.
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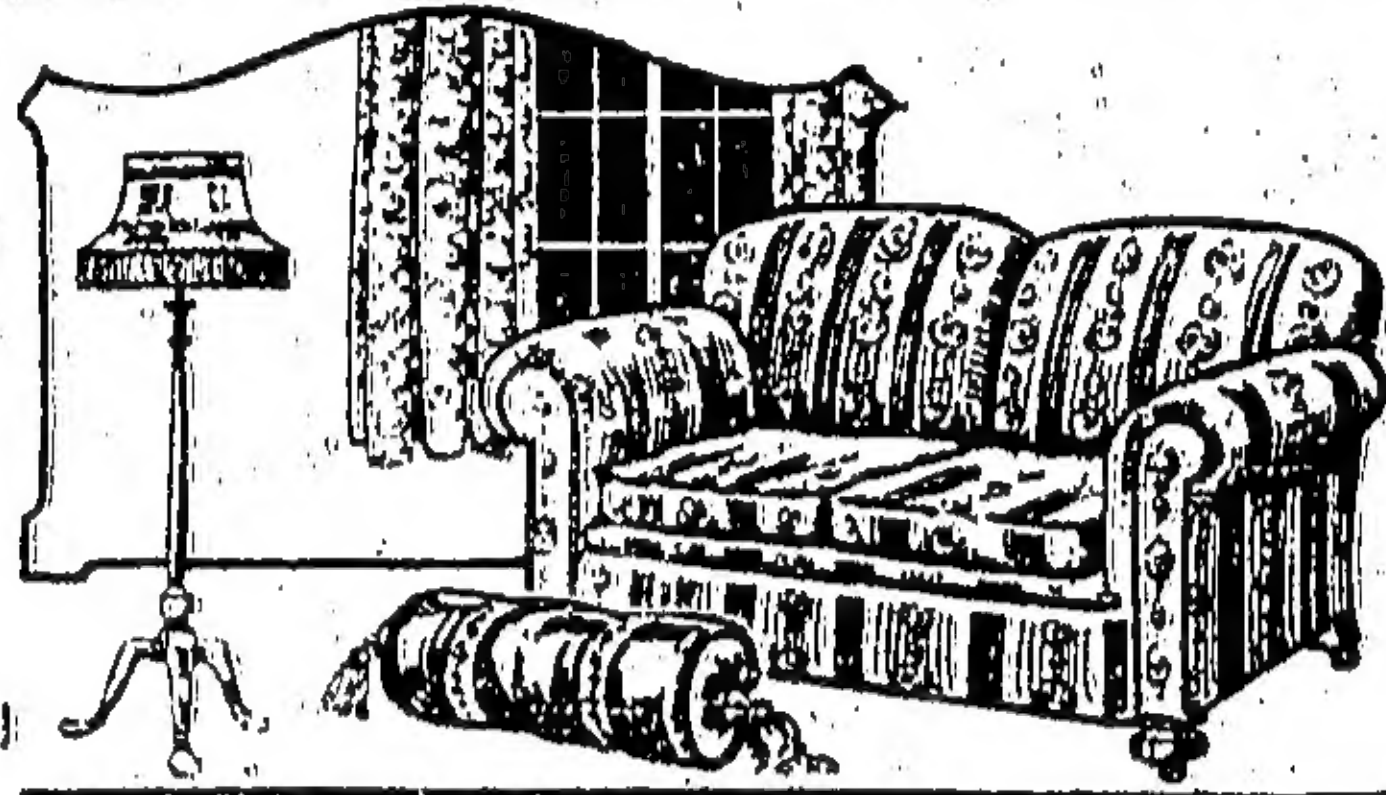
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Hongkong, Thursday, Dec. 10, 1925.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

On December 2, 1823, James Monroe, President of the United States, in his message to Congress enunciated the policy, since known as the Monroe Doctrine, which has been for a century one of the fundamentals of America's foreign policy. In his message to Congress yesterday, President Coolidge, re-emphasises that doctrine. Locarno is welcomed, but only as an evidence of the spirit which will enable Europe to settle her own problems. America stands outside the door of European politics. She will trade with Europe, even lend her money, but nothing more, unless aggression is sought against her and the necessity of defence arises. Properly understood, we are told, the Monroe Doctrine is opposed (1) to any non-American action encroaching upon the political independence of American states under any guise and (2) to the acquisition in any manner of the control of additional territory "in this hemisphere by any non-American power." The doctrine is not a legislative enactment, but it has been approved by Congress. It has not been defined by treaty and does not draw its force from international agreement, although it has had the implied endorsement of the treaty-making power in the reservations to two Hague conventions, those of 1899 and 1907. In the words of a former Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, "it has been for 100 years, and continues to be, an integral part of our national thought and purpose, expressing a profound conviction, which even the upheaval caused by the Great War and our participation in that struggle upon European soil, has not uprooted or fundamentally changed." America is entitled to any praise that may be due her for consistently remaining true to a "profound conviction." Consistency is not nowadays considered a virtue. Thought and ideas change, that consistency to them from their first acceptance is not indicative of the possession of the open mind. It can be charged to America that whilst she is determined not to encroach into European politics, she is not averse to reaping monetary benefits which may come her way as the result of European troubles. We find it difficult to reconcile that part of President Coolidge's speech dealing with war debts, with a strict adherence to the principles—implied perhaps—in the Monroe Doctrine. Those debts consist of loans

to the Allied belligerents to assist them in the successful prosecution of the war. "In the wars of the European powers," says part of the Monroe Doctrine, "in matters relating to themselves, we have never taken any part nor does it comport with our policy to do so." Yet the total war debts to the United States exceeds the present national debt. We submit there is every reason why the Monroe Doctrine should be considered in the light of modern conditions, and that no longer should America stand outside the family of nations by refusing to take a hand in the pacification—not so much of Europe—but of the world. We are almost persuaded to use the late William Bryan's words—"Don't rock the boat."

HONGKONG BACHELORS.

You hear some people talking about a bachelor's lot. But what they say is rubbish and just a lot of rot. They prate about the tropics, and say it should not be. Say every man should marry the first girl he may see. Now listen while I tell you of facts both good and strong. Which really should convince you that what they say is wrong. They bring to mind the story of the fox that lost his tail. And some of them I declare would put us all in goal. A young chap comes to Hongkong on pay that isn't grand. He wants to "hit it up" at first and spend with lavish hand. He settles down to normal before a year has flown. He takes a pull and knows full well his wild oats have been sown.

He gets a few pals round him and then they take a flat. At last he has a real home where in to hang his hat. They get a cook and amah and don't forget the "boy." Who, if he's good, can make your life a never ending joy. What need has he for marriage? What need has he for love? Why should he spend his money or someone's turtledove? Why should he care and worries and sleepless nights perhaps? Far better 'tis to spend his time avoiding marriage traps. He does just anything he likes, can stay out late at night. Can miss his meals and sometimes can come home slightly tight. He need not go to parties or dances down the town. Can have chow in pyjamas and in a dressing gown. He doesn't have to listen to small talk from the wife. And all the little worries of petty household strife. He doesn't have to tolerate a bunch of female stiffs. And has no one to worry him with wifely tears and sniffs. In fact his life is one long joy and bids all young men think. Who're in the toils and trembling on the matrimonial brink. And should you pop the question and "sweetie" says "I won't." Don't go and get downhearted—remember Punch says DONT.

"THE WOMBAT."

ORGAN FUND CONCERT.

The second concert in aid of St. John's Cathedral organ fund, held yesterday in the Cathedral Hall, was attended by a large audience which showed its appreciation of an excellently rendered programme, the singing of the choir finding particular favour. The artists, all of whom the audience would have liked to hear again, but pressure of time prevented, were: Mrs. Minney (soprano), Mr. H. Edwin Gardner (tenor), Mr. Li Chor-chi (bass), and the Hongkong Male Voice Choir, conducted by Mr. Stanley Collett. Mrs. Stanley Collett and Mr. Frederick Mason were the pianists. Six of these concerts are to be given during the winter months (last nights was the second). They are on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.

London, December 9.—The "Daily Express" understands there is no ground for the report of a coming rise in the price of tea. The price of tea has been steady since the outbreak of the war, and the price of tea is now at its lowest level since the outbreak of the war. The price of tea is now at its lowest level since the outbreak of the war.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Already people are old-wooden piles, he chuckled quietly. The very spot! Methodically and cautiously he set to work. From the bag he dragged it. Still and quiet it lay at his feet, yet only a few hours before so full of life and energy. A few final adjustments to see that the weights which were to carry it to the bottom were secure, and with one mighty heave he flung it from him. It disappeared from view with a sudden splash. Then he stepped back, lit his pipe, and waited to see what sort of a bite he'd get with that worm.

THE Argentine authorities, recognising that there was no time to teach the children English pronunciation for the sake of singing the British National Anthem on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales, wisely made up a version which came as near to the original as the differences in the sounds of the two languages permitted. It ran:

HIMNO INGLÉS.
God Seiv aua griclias Kin
Long liv aua nobel Kin
God Seiv di Kin
Send jim victorias
Japi and glorias
Long tu rein over as
God Seiv di Kin.

Nai choisset guilts in stor
On jim bi plised tu por
Long mei ji rein
Mei ji defend aua loos
And ever guiv as coo
Tu sin wit jarm and voio
God Seiv di Kin.

It looks a little unusual in print, but when sung by the children it is said to have sounded all right to uncritical ears.

VICKERS LIMITED.

DRASTIC RECONSTRUCTION URGED.

CUTTING OUT WASTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 9. Drastic reconstruction of Vickers Limited, is recommended by the Commission appointed to enquire into the company's financial position in consequence of the reduced earning power arising from post-war depression. The Commission advises that the capital be written down by £12,500,000, and a far-reaching change be made in methods of control including the dismissal of redundant officials, the closing down of plants and the winding up of all unprofitable and subsidiary affiliated enterprises.

The Commissioners express the opinion that the foregoing will enable the Company to resume dividends. The Chairman of Vickers, in circulating the Report, points out that the reduction of capital is essentially a book entry. It does not affect the intrinsic value of the firm's assets.

"GENEROUS."

BRITAIN AND IRELAND DISPUTE.

ULSTER PREMIER'S TRIBUTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 9. Both the Ulster Houses passed a resolution approving the Boundary agreement. Sir James Craig, the Premier, paid a tribute to the sympathy Mr. Stanley Baldwin had exhibited towards Ulster and declared that Britain had been generous statesman like and kind in her treatment of Ireland.

He trusted that the North and South would be able to meet as necessity arose in a friendly manner to discuss matters of mutual interest. The Irish Bill passed all stages in the House of Lords without division.

NEW DUTY.

EMPIRE GOODS GIVEN CONCESSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 10. The House of Commons passed the second reading of the Safeguarding of Industries Customs Duties Bill, a clause of which provides that Empire produced hosiery, gloves, and lace shall pay only two-thirds of the duty. The motion of Mr. Philip Snowden for the rejection of the Bill was defeated by 205 to 122.

DISARMAMENT.

COUNCIL OF LEAGUE ACTING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Dec. 9.

The Council of the League has approved the Disarmament Committee's recommendation to circulate all Governments with a questionnaire on the subject of the control of the private manufacture of arms, munitions and implements of war recommending a reply before June 6, 1926.

It is learned that at this morning's private sitting of the Council, the subject of the programme proposed by the Disarmament Committee was the cause of divergent British and French views on the question of mutual assistance provided in Article Sixteen of the Covenant which the long delayed agreement practically reconciled.

HOME TRADE.

IMPORTS HIGHER; EXPORTS LOWER.

NOVEMBER'S FIGURES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 9.

British imports for November amount to £114,693,000 and exports to £60,977,000, an increase of £5,854,000 and a decrease of £6,105,000, compared with October.

HOME MAILS.

The s.s. "Macedonia" with the Christmas mail from Home, has been delayed and is now due tomorrow.

A total of 296 bags arrived by the "President Taft" this morning including the U.S.A., Canada and Siberian mail from Europe. The total number of bags for Hongkong alone was 115. The Siberian mail numbered 49 bags.

The s.s. "Taima" with 400 bags of mail (including papers posted in London up to November 6) was reported to have passed Gap Rock at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Delivery is therefore unlikely to be made to-day.

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"IOLANTHE" REHEARSAL ORDEAL.

EXCELLENT PROMISE SHOWN.

Before an audience which by reason of the limitations of its size could not do justice in full measure to its appreciation, the Hongkong Philharmonic Society came through with flying colours yesterday evening the ordeal of a dress rehearsal of "Iolante," performance of which commenced on Friday night.

In this opera more than in any others, perhaps, the chorus work is the essential thing, and it can be said in all sincerity that last night the fairies in anthems and mezzos sang themselves into the attractive music with enthusiasm and sang joyously, freshly and clearly whilst the male counter chorus of peers were not a wit behind the fairies in anthems. From their entry in unique procession with trumpets and sounding brasses, until they departed "dignified and stately" they followed the excellent example of the fairies in tone and enunciation.

The task of the producer has been rendered a difficult one by reason of the illness of potential principals and the difficulty of a selection combining presence with a capacity for solo requirements. His untiring efforts have been rewarded. The principals render excellently the music passages and meet the calls that are made on them for histrionic ability.

The orchestra did very well last night, a good balance being preserved, and their contribution adding greatly to the success of the performance.

The Philharmonic prove once again by this production that they are capable of great and good work and it may safely be predicted that the audiences will be enthusiastically appreciative.

It should be added that a considerable amount of care and attention has been taken over the preparation of the programme. This has been in the enthusiastic hands of Mr. D. E. Evans and the result is a programme of more than usual interest. There is an apt Shakespearean quotation from the "Tempest": "Five Old Savoyards," including Gilbert, Sullivan, D'Oyly Carte and the two Celliers, and a summary of the story. Names of principals, chorus and helpers appear, and there is a list of songs and choruses, together with some "Items of Interest" and reminiscences of Gilbert and Sullivan.

This is the first time in Hongkong, the "China Mail" believes, that such a large and comprehensive programme has been compiled. Recent objections have also been met in that the programme is being distributed free. There would have been justification for a charge if only for the reason that the bulk of the profits coming from the production of "Iolante" is to go to charity.

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LITTLE HOPE.

ATTEMPT ON GENERAL'S LIFE.

POLITICAL MOTIVE.

(Wah Tez Yat Po.)

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

There is little hope for the life of General Hung Shiu-lun, the pro-Chan Kwong-ming commander who was shot, it is said, by a "boy" of the a.s. "President Pierce," on arrival here.

The hospital authorities have issued a notice that Hung "shows little improvement."

His wife (who pluckily acted in such a manner as to prevent the alleged assassin's escape) is with him.

The alleged assassin is a Cantonese. From inquiries it has transpired that he is not acquainted with the General. Accordingly it is presumed that the motive was political.

[Note:—General Hung was defeated in the recent East River war. Years ago he figured in remarkable extradition proceedings in Hongkong when his political enemies were in power. He is opposed to the present Canton administration, having parted from the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, after long association, in the split of 1922.]

WAR IN SOUTH.

MERCHANTS SACRED OF LOOTERS.

POLITICS V. PROGRESS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Hoihow, Dec. 8.

During the past week the people have been very uneasy and the government schools have lost all their students. The boys and girls fear trouble and have left for home so that another term has been spoiled. The business men in Hoihow are fearful but do not expect a turnover in the government for at least a few weeks. They have almost all had iron fronts put in their shops in the hope that this will prevent looting. Some say that in former turn-overs the looting soldiers came through the roof and that iron bars in front will be of little value. Time alone will tell whether there will be looting but it seems to be the routine way of changing rulers. The recently widened streets with their new two and three storey buildings give a pleasant picture of prosperity. However business is very dull and the merchants have great difficulty in meeting the heavy taxes that are being collected in advance. It is reported that some of the foreign shops in Hoihow are taking in baggage and goods for safe keeping at a cost of a few dollars per box.

Wu Bang-ang has been the magistrate of Kungchow district for four years. He is a native of this district and was elected to this office when Chen Kwang-min (Chan Kwong-ming) was governor of Canton. His term of office expired last month and he was looking forward to a rest in these times of trouble. General Tang (Tang Pun-yan) permitted him to resign but made him chief tax collector for Hainan Island. Magistrate Wu has been very friendly to foreigners and last summer during the Hongkong strike when it was difficult to get ready money, offered to loan the American Mission \$1,000 for three months without interest. It was only necessary to borrow \$500 from him and when it was due he told the mission to use \$100 for its new Middle School Building and put the balance to his credit in the school to pay for the tuition of his children in coming years. During his administration many new schools have been started, roads built in all directions and sanitary markets erected. The new magistrate Mr. Heng is a Yun-sang man and it is reported that he paid \$20,000 (small coin money) for the position.

General Tang last week opened the Hoihow Military Academy for the training of his officers. They are using the old German Consulate building. Dr. and Mrs. McCandless after forty years' service in Hoihow left for America on the "President Lincoln." Dr. McCandless writes that he is much improved since he had his slight stroke the first of October. The Chinese and foreign community gave him a farewell reception shortly before he left Hoihow. Dr. C. G. Salisbury is now superintendent of the Hoihow Mission Hospital. Miss Schaeffer of Kachek is visiting friends here.

A MOTORING LESSON.

STUDENT AMAZED AT POSSIBILITIES.

TURNING LIKE THE GLOBE.

That a motor cycle combination can turn round on its axis, which in this case was the inner wheel of the side-car, was demonstrated to those present at the Central Police Station compound by Traffic Sergeant Saunders. This morning the demonstration was given for the benefit of a Chinese youth fresh from his school studies and the movements of the globe, who was being tested as to his suitability for holding a licence.

The youth on a Harley-Davidson combination had to follow in the wake of the Sergeant on his A.J.S. outfit and his turnings were too wide of the mark. It was after the conclusion of the test that the exhibition was given with a passenger in the side-car much to the bewilderment of the student who looked on spell bound with an expression which foretold that he, too, would perform the feat some day.

LOCAL WEDDING.

POLICE OFFICERS' GUARD OF HONOUR.

CATHEDRAL CEREMONY.

Police officers including Mr. P. J. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., the Captain Superintendent and Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, formed a guard of honour with an arch of swords at the porch of St. John's Cathedral after the wedding of Mr. L. H. V. Booth (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) and Miss Marjorie Forbes, as reported in yesterday's "China Mail". The service was fully choral with Mr. F. Mason at the organ. The Rev. T. B. Powell, chaplain, officiated.

To the strains of "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" the bride party walked up the aisle. The bride was dressed in fawn lace over pink with a black hat and there was no retinue. Miss Jackie Scott, the little flower-girl, was in mauve organdie.

As the register was signed, the hymn, "Love divine, all loves excelling," was sung.

After the service a reception was held at Police Headquarters where a great number of costly presents were on view.

Among the well known people noticed in the Cathedral in addition to those already named were Mrs. P. J. J. Wodehouse, Mrs. D. Burlingham, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Mr. L. G. Scott, Lieut.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N., Lieut.-Com. Conway Hake, R.N.R., Mr. R. E. Lindell, Captain H. F. Bloxham, Mr. W. G. Gerrard (A.S.P.), Mr. E. F. Stewart, Mr. H. J. Armstrong, Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. T. N. Chau, Chief Detective Inspector J. Grant, Chief Inspector W. Kent, Inspector P. Grant, Inspector T. Cashman, Detective Inspector T. Murphy, Inspector E. Bond, Inspector W. Blackman, Inspector Robert Lanigan, Inspector Richard Lanigan, Inspector J. Ogg, Inspector R. H. Marks, Inspector A. F. Aris, Detective Inspector Chu Heung, Inspector Mak, the Shantung and Sikh Inspector and Sub-Inspector A. R. Clarke, also a number of Naval officers.

At the reception Mrs. Booth cut the wedding cake with her husband's sword.

Subsequently the happy couple left for Fanling where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride wore her wedding dress with a coat of kasha cloth.

LOCAL ACCIDENTS.

RIDING BETWEEN EARTH TRUCKS.

YOUTH'S SILLY ACT.

A Chinese received injuries to his spine when he was knocked down at Coronation Road yesterday morning by a vehicle belonging to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company. The man had to be taken to hospital.

The pranks of a Chinese boy who attempted a joy ride regard- less of its danger brought him to grief at Lai Yik Road yesterday, and the youth is now at the Kwong Wah Hospital with serious injuries to his legs. He had been riding on the buffers of two earth trucks, which, according to a witness, threw him down between the trucks.

MEMORIES.

MR. CLEMENT AND VILLAGE ELDERS.

TEXT OF SPEECH.

Elders of the New Territories of Hongkong.—I am more than pleased to have this opportunity of meeting you all again, because in spite of an absence of over ten years I see among you so many old friends. I remember when Great Britain first took over the administration of this Territory. I was Land Officer and received your whole-hearted co-operation in the discharge of the difficult duties pertaining to that office. The memory of those days is as fresh in my mind as if it were yesterday. Gentlemen, I thank you most sincerely for thus welcoming me back to Tai Po, for the address you have just presented and for the songs which the school children have sung in my honour. There are three matters about which I should like to talk to you to-day. The first is the new reservoir at Shing Mun. The reason for building this reservoir is that Kowloon's water supply is inadequate for its population and no catchment equal to that of the Shing Mun Valley can be found elsewhere. The hills and streams of this district are very beautiful and the landscape is most charming. It is, therefore, a great pity that the construction of a reservoir should necessitate the removal of many a peaceful farmer's home from these pleasant surroundings. But there is really no alternative course.

Compensating Villagers.

The Government is, however, most unwilling that these poor people should suffer hardship and I have asked the District Officer to confer with you with a view to finding a suitable place in which Government can at its own cost build a new village for the Shing Mun people and also to look for new land for them to cultivate. I hope you will assist in this matter to the utmost of your ability. The second thing of which I wish to speak is this:—During the last few days in the course of my journeys round the New Territories, I have observed that there have been a large number of hill fires which have destroyed both the grass and the pine woods. This is most deplorable for this reason:—If the hills are bare of grass and trees, when the rains set in, the earth on the hillside has no defence against the erosive force of the water and very soon nothing is left but bare rock on which nothing can grow and the whole hill becomes as barren as the Gobi desert. The result is not only that the country folk will one day lack even a stick of fuel, but that the places where the smoke curling above the trees marked the presence of villages will become an empty waste.

A "Wicked Waste."

To turn the country side into a wilderness is a wicked waste of nature's gifts to the people.

Mencius had said, "Let the axe and sickle go to the forest in due season and the people will have abundance of wood." If care must be used in plying the axe and sickle to collect fuel, how much more care must be used with all-devouring fire. Compare to the largest sickle and the broadest axe, fire is a thousand times more destructive. I hope, gentlemen, you will bear these words in mind and remind the villagers to take the greatest care to avoid hill fires, especially at the two festivals of Tsing Ming and Ching Yung. The benefits of afforestation will thus be preserved, and the happy days of an abundant supply of wood will be seen again.

Border Incidents.

The third thing is this. Recently in the districts near the frontier, certain Strike Pickets have crossed into British Territory and fired upon our Water Police boats, upon British troops and Police, to the great consternation of the villagers. This disturbance of the people's peace should be suppressed by the National Government of China, and I have already asked H.B.M. Consul General in Canton to make representations to the Canton Authorities in this sense. But so far Canton has sent no troops to suppress these disorders. I have therefore been obliged myself to send troops to Lo Wu, Ta Ku Leng and Sha Tau Kok to protect the people of the New Territory. I have also ordered aeroplanes to patrol these districts. The country folk may therefore set their hearts at rest. Gentlemen, I have come back to very changed conditions; but my determination to improve this Colony remains unchanged. In future when any question arises affecting the New Territories, I sincerely hope you will not hesitate to consult me. I shall be only too pleased to help you in anything that is for the benefit of the Territory. I must now say "Good-bye" for the time being, but we shall meet again soon.

Of the 292 competitors who participated in the teacher examination given by the bureau of civil service in Manila and in the provinces on May 28 to 29, only 14 passed, according to report made by the civil service bureau. Six are Americans and the rest are Philip-

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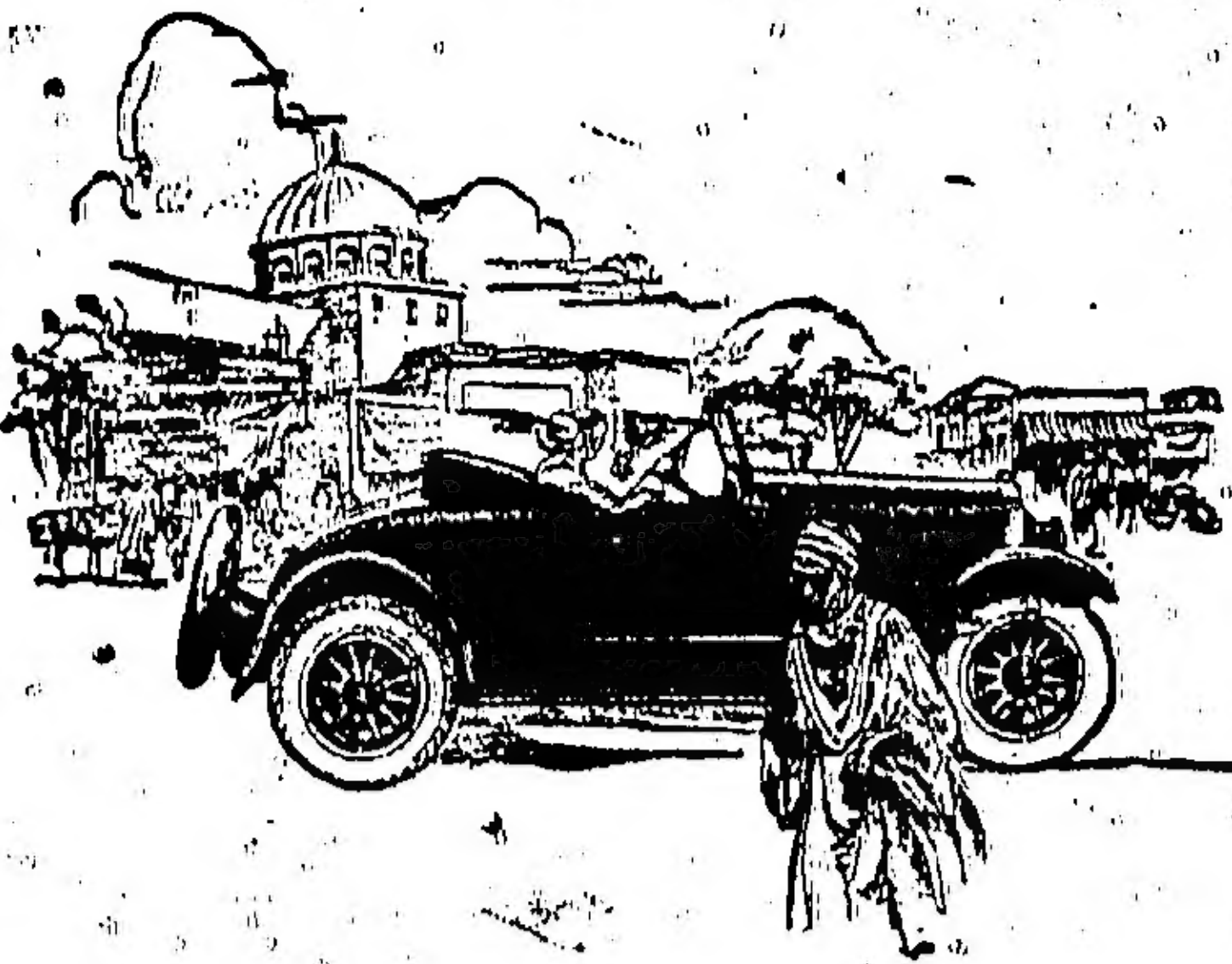
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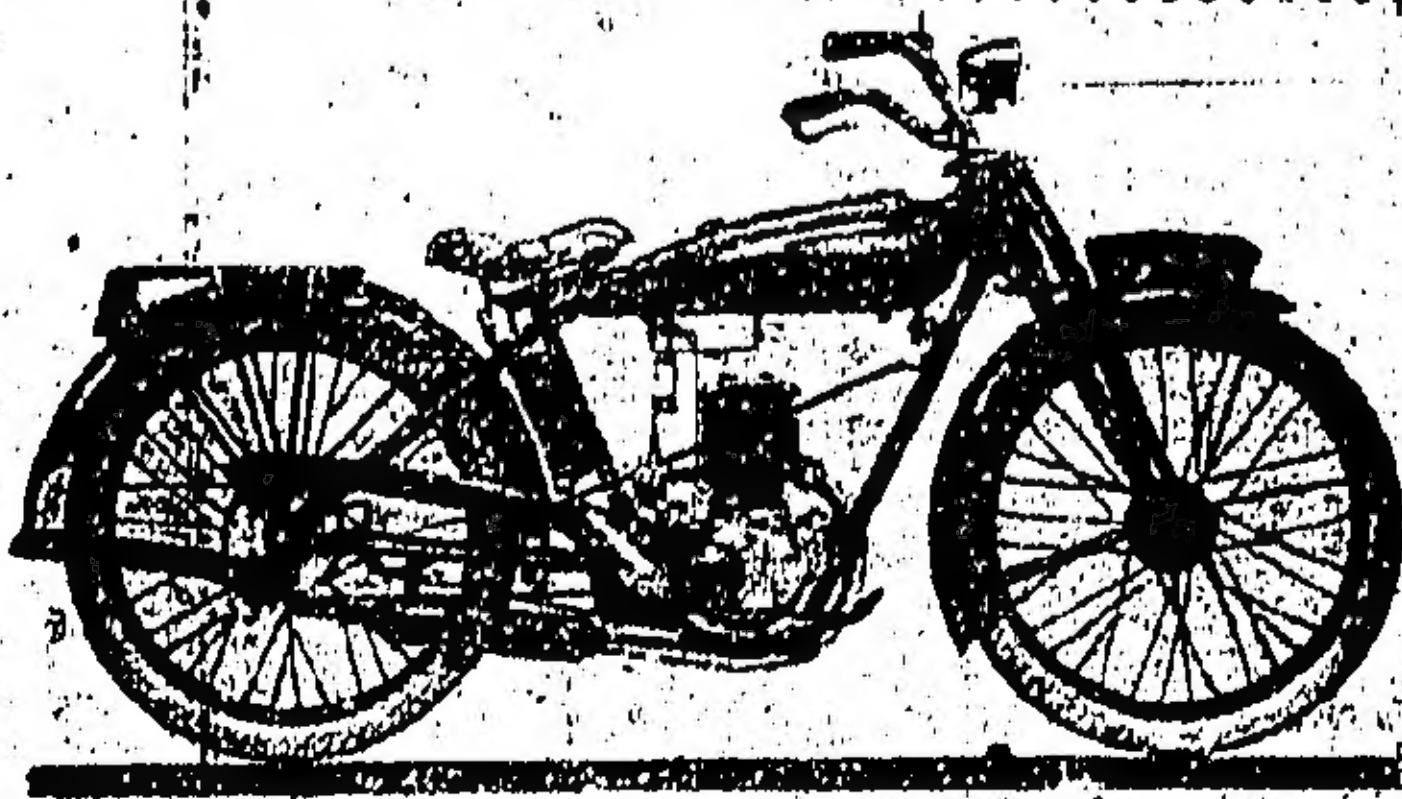
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The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Tuesday shows one case of diphtheria and one case of enteric fever—both Chinese.

In appreciation of their service for the encouragement of postal savings, more than 12,000 persons are to be honoured by the Japanese Department of Communications in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the system of postal savings in this country. Among them are some postmasters and village headmen who have been making house-to-house visits in the country to encourage thrift and savings for nearly 20 years, it is reported.

A chair of Buddhism, the first in Japan, will be established in the Kyoto Imperial University next year if the budget of the Government for 1926 is approved by the legislature. The establishment of the chair will mark the end of a movement long under way among Buddhist leaders, who have been insisting upon such a chair at Kyoto in view of the special position occupied by the city in the religious history of the country. Officials of the university are planning to open the chair next April.

What appears to be a good tip or hint appears in Command Orders. It is as follows:—

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The Carinhim tourist party devoted very little time to Kobe, giving only one day to Kyoto and another to the waterfall, the Miyogo Buddha and Moto-machi.

A group of Filipino business men recently organised the United Publishing Company for the purpose of editing and publishing books, pamphlets, tracts and texts written by Filipino authors. The central office will be in Manila. The corporation also plans to open a book store in Manila soon.

The largest building in the British Empire is to be erected at Karachi, India. It will house the giant dirigibles that England is about to construct for the inauguration of an airship service between London and India, and which will start late in 1927 or early in 1928. The new airship shed will be 550 feet long, 200 feet high and 120 feet wide. Near the new shed there will also be erected the world's largest mooring mast for airships. The contract for the construction of the shed has been placed with the Armstrong Construction Company, Ltd., who will make the steel work at the company's works at Glasgow.

The site for the construction of new buildings of the Tokyo University of Commerce has been selected at Yahomura, between Tachikawa and Kokubunji stations in the western suburbs of Tokyo. The new site with an area of approximately 80,000 square is reported to have been exchanged by the Hakone Real Estate Company for the old site at Hikosubashi. The construction of new buildings is to be started beginning 1928, while an auditorium costing ¥500,000 is to be erected by the summer of 1927. For the construction of the auditorium, the Kanematsu Shoten in Kobe donated the necessary funds.

The two performances of Elly at Bloomsbury were such a real success that the Kobe A.B.C. committee were besieged with requests for another performance. The cost and everyone else concerned readily consented.

Newspapers as instruments for dissemination of religion were extolled by the Rev. J. T. Smith, representing the World Service Commission, at the annual convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. "Newspapers exert even a wider influence in matters of uplift than pulpits," said Dr. Smith. "Their influence for good is increasing constantly."

A correspondent of the Times tell a story of a hare which he saw commit suicide off Sheringham. The animal broke through the wire netting which separates the links from the cliffs and rushed down the cliffs over the beach and into the sea. It then swam out till it could swim no longer, when it sank and perished. In the autumn conduct like this is certainly surprising. Had the incident happened in March there could be no hesitation about the verdict.

The Russo-Japanese Association, with the co-operation of merchants interested in Russian trade, is making arrangements for an exhibition of Russian products in Osaka in January of next year. The exhibition, to be held at the new Daikoku department store, according to the present plans, is to begin January 17, lasting three weeks. As the motive behind the proposal to hold the exhibition is the desire to introduce to the Japanese consuming public the products of Russia, the promoters hope to make it representative of every line of article produced in Russia.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Rev. H. Copley Moyle is due to return to the Colony next February.

Mr. S. Paul, of the Attorney General's Office, left the Colony today by the s.s. "Kashipin" on eight months' vacation.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced.—Mr. Harry Walter Hewitt, of the Kowloon Hotel, to Miss Evelyn Lennox Paterson, of No. 151, the Peak, Mr. Andrew Wallace Harper, No. 6, Queen's Road, to Miss Elizabeth Mary Mahoney, who arrives in the Colony from America by the s.s. "Empress of Russia."

An informal dinner of welcome was given on November 20 by the staff of the Shanghai Electric Construction Company to Mr. G. Burgess, General Manager of the Company, in the reception room of the head office, "Franchise House," 7 Soochow Road. Mr. B. B. Herbert, Shanghai Manager and Deputy General Manager, was in the chair and delivered a happy speech appropriate to the occasion, extending a welcome to the new chief on behalf of himself and the staff. Mr. Burgess replied in suitable terms.

The chess master, Boris Kostich, was the guest of honour at a social evening given by Mr. M. J. Duenberg, at his residence in Shanghai to the members of the Chess Club and other chess enthusiasts. After a display of simultaneous chess against twelve strong players, in which Mr. Kostich won seven games and drew five, the party was entertained to dinner, during which the master, in response to the toast of the host, commented on the strength of the Shanghai chess players. After dinner, there was a very enjoyable musical entertainment, followed by dancing.

More than 100 members of the Shanghai Rotary Club and their friends attended the Thanksgiving dinner-dance held at the Majestic Hotel. Mr. William Houghan, the celebrated Scottish singer and Mrs. Houghan and Mr. Hymn Tenzer, the violinist, were guests of the club and put on an interesting programme. Mrs. Houghan gave a piano solo, featuring an old English dance while Mr. Houghan, after giving an interesting history of folk-songs, sang two songs on fellowship. Mr. A. R. Huger, chairman of the club, presided and thanked the guests for their entertainment as well as the management for the service of the orchestra during the affair.

Mr. D. H. Blake, solicitor of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, Hongkong, is leaving the Colony on home leave on the 16th inst.

Dame Ellen Terry appeared in the performance of Mr. de la Mare's "Crossings," at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith. In her new part—that of the ghost of an old lady—she had not a word to say.

Advice received in Hankow state that Mrs. Cassels, who was reported to be seriously ill when Bishop Cassels died, only outlived her husband by a week. It is now learned that both Bishop and Mrs. Cassels had contracted typhus.

Mr. R. D. Standish of the Kobe office of the International Banking Corporation, it is learned, has been transferred to the Calcutta office of that organization. The transfer, it is understood, is effective December 1. Mr. Standish has been one of the most popular members of the Kobe foreign community, where for several years he has been prominent in athletics and the social life of the West Port.



As she watched her horse, Delmar, win second place in the National Hunt race, Mrs. John Lawrence, prominent society woman, enjoyed a quiet smoke.

St. Andrew's University is to choose at its next election between Natsen and Galsworthy as chancellor.

"Eat a raw apple and a slice of brown bread for supper," says Dame Melba, "and you will wake up in the morning feeling as fit as a fiddle."

Mrs. Hopson a widow, of Skelmersdale, near Ormskirk, celebrated her hundredth birthday. She possesses wonderful health, and at a local old folks' treat she danced and sang, being the life of the party. One of her songs was, "Begone, Dull Care."

At the Armistice dinner held by the British War Veterans' Association of Kobe at the Kobe Club there was an attendance of about 60 members. Mr. U. de B. Daly, the president of the Association being in the Chair. The guests were Mr. W. M. Royds, H. B. M's Consul-General, Mr. H. Melchior, representing the French ex-service men; Mr. A. C. Lumley and Mr. Speidel, the American ex-service men, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gooch, a campaigner at Omdurman.

Lady Oxford (better known as Mrs. Margot Asquith), in a letter to "The Times," on the question of the most appropriate way of celebrating Armistice day said that if the clergy, instead of interfering with other people's wishes in this respect, raised their voices against the erection of the hideous and expensive war memorials which have blighted the English countryside and which now threaten to deform London, their protest would meet with a united and heart-felt response.

Oxford is paying a pretty compliment to the sister University by choosing Mr. George Macaulay Trevelyan as Romanes Lecturer for 1926, since there is no more devoted Cambridge family than the Trevelyans. Macaulay went to Trinity, and Trinity became almost an obsession with him. There was never any doubt about his favourite nephew George Trevelyan following him at Trinity, and Sir George has carried on the succession. He is an hon. Fellow of Trinity, and he sent his three sons there, the eldest being Mr. C. P. Trevelyan, of political fame, and the youngest Mr. G. M. Trevelyan, who became a fellow of the college and has given us also a third generation of historians.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

SIM SHIELD.

THE HOLDERS DEFEATED AGAIN.

NAVY'S ODD GOAL IN THREE.

Following their defeat by the Army last week in the first match of the Sim Shield competition, the Hongkong Hockey Club (holders) went down to the Navy by two goals to one in the second match of the triangular series on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday.

The teams were as under:—
Club:—P. W. H. Mills; D. H. Sherman, A. P. T. Farquharson, E. F. Stewart, E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Rev. E. W. L. Martin; H. Owen Hughes, W. Woodward, A. Dyer Ball, B. D. Evans, G. P. Lammer.

Navy:—Lt. Garwood; Lt. Wauchope, Lt. Emley; Lt. King, Lt. Simpson (Capt.), Lt. Broome; Pay Sub-Lt. Wilson, Lt. Sillitoe, R.M., Lt. Hill, Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Fleet.

Referee:—Capt. C. H. D. O'Callaghan.
On the form shown in the early stages of the game it was clear that the Navy were out to win as they beat the Club for speed and in accuracy in passing. In the first five minutes the ball never passed into the Navy half, a persistent attack being kept up from a movement on the left in which Hill, Nicholson and Fleet were prominent. Three times the Navy were ruled offside, and three shots went past the goal.

The Club eventually got going by a good pass by Mitchell to Owen Hughes (right wing) who ran down and fed the centre. The ball travelling home was kicked away by Garwood, and Owen Hughes receiving again, sent wide.

Play was carried again into Club territory, the Navy attacking vigorously and being ruled offside in scoring a goal. By leaving his charge Garwood next stemmed a rush by the Club. Lammer and Stewart worked nicely together on the left until Sillitoe put an end to this promising movement. From the other wing the ball travelled across the Navy goal with no one near, and the Navy forwards receiving from Wauchope visited the Club goal, relief being brought to the Club supporters when Simpson missed putting into practically an open goal.

On a subsequent visit Hill scored the first goal after 20 minutes' play. Sillitoe next overran near the post in what looked like the second goal, but this was not long in coming as after a prolonged attack Nicholson tapped into the net, the ball getting in high up. Between the scoring of the two goals and until half time the Club played better and the two Navy backs, with Simpson playing his usual spoiling game all over the field, saw to it that they never got within shooting distance.

In a determined effort to score the Club succeeded when a ball was sent swiftly home after Evans and Woodward had each a smack at it. Garwood stopped the ball near the goal line. Owen Hughes darted in and fell together with the goalie. For a few seconds the ball was "lost" but when Owen Hughes retired it was seen that he sent it over the line.

This was all the scoring in the match—Navy 2, Club 1—and the remainder of the game was marked by a determined effort by the Club to at least gain the equaliser. Hopes ran high very often and deserving Club efforts proved fruitless. The Navy men tackled and attacked earnestly to maintain their lead. It was due to several good clearances by Mills and the brilliant defence of Sherman and Farquharson that the Navy did not add to their score. Sherman especially cleared well and gained much ground by his hard hitting. In the last stages of the game this swift driving was attended with risk of injury as was seen when Mitchell received one on the head with the ball unsighted in the darkness. Dyer Ball played much better than the average, and Martin was one of the overworked halves, keeping often with the vanguard. Mitchell and his outside men played excellently.

The Navy forwards to a man were brilliant, Simpson was particularly prominent in the half-back line, and both backs were sound and displayed accurate judgment. Garwood at goal did yeoman service.

[Note:—The Club have now lost two out of four matches and only a miracle can give them a tie all round for replay.]

HOME SOCCER.

BATTLE OF THE BLUES DRAWN.

F. A. CUP AND LEAGUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 9.
A replay in the first round proper of the Football Association Cup resulted:—
Hartlepool 1, Blyth Spartans 2.
[The victors visit Accrington for the second round this Saturday.]

League—Div. I.
In Division I of the English Football League, the following was played:—
Newcastle 3, Sheffield United 1.
The table for this division now stands at:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	11	4	5	35	26		
Arsenal	11	4	4	44	31		
Nottingham	11	4	3	44	30		
Huddersfield	11	4	3	25	23		
Manchester	11	4	3	22	22		
W. Bromwich	11	4	3	40	32		
Sheff. Wed.	11	4	3	35	32		
Sheff. Utd.	11	4	3	37	40		
Sheff. F.C.	11	4	3	47	41		
Birmingham	11	4	3	31	31		
Liverpool	11	4	3	26	19		
Newcastle	11	4	3	33	32		
Everton	11	4	3	38	42		
West Ham	11	4	3	25	39		
Nottingham	11	4	3	20	33		
Cardiff City	11	4	3	26	34		
Blackburn	11	4	3	42	40		
Leeds Utd.	11	4	3	25	30		
Leicester	11	4	3	25	43		
Bury	11	4	3	20	42		
Sheff. Utd.	11	4	3	43	54		
Sheff. F.C.	11	4	3	28	50		

Inter-Varsity Game.

In sunny weather, before 5,000 spectators, the inter-Varsity soccer match at Chelsea resulted:—

Oxford 2, Cambridge 2.

On a fast ground, go-ahead football was played.
After 24 minutes the Cambridge centre-half Whewell secured just outside the centre circle and running a few yards scored with a terrific shot.

Soon after, Fisher, Oxford's left-winger, centred for A. H. Chaddler (Taunton and St. John's, old Blue) to equalise.

Even play followed till the interval when the score was one all.

Seven minutes after the resumption, Piper (the Cantab left-winger) scored—the ball rebounding off the goal-keeper into the net.

A minute later Scicluna netted for Oxford in a scramble at the goal mouth.

The game was splendidly contested and both goals had wonderful escapes.

WORLD CHESS.

CHAMPION FINISHES THIRD.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, Dec. 9.
The "world" chess tournament concluded with Boguluboff, 15½ points, first; Dr. Lasker, 14 points, second; and Capablanca, 13½ points, third.
[Note:—Capablanca's title is not involved.]

LOCAL CRICKET.

600 RUNS IN ONE MATCH.

ARMY & NAVY DRAW.

Over 600 runs were registered yesterday in the all-day cricket match on the H.K.C.C. ground between the Army and Navy, the bat completely mastering the ball. Batsmen on both sides wielded the willow to good purpose. Not only were the handful of spectators treated to an exhibition of aggressive batting of a good type but those who stayed on till the end saw a thrilling finish in which the Navy, with 4 wickets to go, needed a run to tie and one for victory.
When the fifth ball was delivered in the last over, three runs were wanted. A certain boundary was fielded and only a single accrued.

Captain Morris (95), Major Hattersley-Smith (70), Lt. Com. Armitage (63), Lt. Halsey (86) and Pay-Lt. Hussey (79) distinguished themselves.

Although knocked about a good deal, Lt. Smith, R.A., took 5 of the Navy wickets.

The Army.

C.M.S. Fritz, c. Lake, b. Halsey	12
C.M.S. Stripp, b.w., b. Halsey	0
Capt. Armstrong, b. Halsey	27
Capt. Brigland, b. Beatty	20
Capt. Kent, c. Hussey, b. Beatty	16
Capt. Morris, b. Lake	95
Major Hattersley-Smith, c. Cantrell, b. Beatty	70
Capt. Walters, c. Hussey, b. Lake	0
Major Pollard, c. & b. Cantrell	15
Mr. Gr. Rough, not out	0
Extras	47
Total	302

Bowling Analysis.

	O	M	R	W
Cantrell	17	3	63	2
Halsey	20	1	77	3
Beatty	22	3	65	3
Hunot	2	0	14	0
Allen	4	0	17	0
Stephenson	2	0	13	0
Lake	1	0	4	2

The Navy.

Lt. Com. Armitage, c. Armstrong, b. Smith	63
Lt. Gifford, b.w., b. Smith	35
Mid. Stephenson, b.w., b. Smith	18
Lt. Halsey, c. Armstrong, b. Smith	86
Pay-Lt. Hussey, b. Kent	79
Capt. Lake, b. Smith	4
Lt. Abelson, not out	5
Surg-Lt. Com. Hunot, not out	1
Extras	10
Total (6 wks.)	301
Lt. Col. Cantrell, Pay-Lt. Allen and Lt. Beatty did not bat.	

Bowling Analysis.

	O	M	R	W
Kent	12	1	84	1
Fritz	3	0	23	0
Rough	12	0	58	0
Smith	9	1	75	5
Pollard	6	0	11	0

Rev. E. K. Quick's XI.

On the Pokfulam ground the University played a team captained by the Rev. E. K. Quick who is shortly leaving for home. In local cricket the Rev. Mr. Quick has proved a tower of

strength to the Varsity, taking a major part in their winning the senior league a few seasons back. Mr. Quick has captained Hongkong in interport cricket and a reference was made to him in last Saturday's notes.

Yesterday's match resulted:—
Rev. Quick's Farewell.
T. E. Yeoh, run out 8
E. E. A. Webster, not out 85
J. L. Youngs, c. Lam, b. Shahabudin 3
Rev. W. T. Featherstone, run out 19
W. M. Gittens, h.w., b. Lam 21
Rev. E. K. Quick, not out 26
Extras 39

Total (for 4 wks. dec.) 184
T. J. Price, F. Hiptoola, I. Tajima, J. C. Fletcher, and R. A. Fonsonby-Fane did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O	M	R	W
Shahabudin	7	0	29	1
Lam	10	1	50	1
Bahatchet	7	1	13	1
Rumjahn	5	1	27	0
Ng	3	2	6	0
Laing	3	1	15	0

University.

B. P. Ng, b. Quick	2
C. W. Lam, b. Yeoh	5
D. Laing, not out	54
D. K. Samy, b. Yeoh	5
H. N. Bahatchet, b. Yeoh	13
A. A. Rumjahn, c. Yeoh, b. Quick	36
S. O. Shahabudin, b. Yeoh	0
E. Zimmern, c. Yeoh, b. Youngs	4
S. Hachuma, not out	14
Extras	20
Total (for 7 wks.)	152
A. T. M. Barma and S. A. Sopher did not bat.	

Bowling Analysis.

	O	M	R	W
Yeoh	10	1	43	2
Quick	10	4	27	4
Fletcher	3	0	30	0
Price	5	0	10	0
Youngs	2	0	17	1

Some Saturday Teams.

The following will represent Civil Service 1st XI on C.S.C.C. ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday in a league match against Kowloon:—F. J. de Rome (captain), G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, E. C. Fincher, A. E. Wood, B. D. Evans, E. W. Hamilton, F. E. Lawrence, H. G. Wallington, F. Baker and P. H. Holdman.

The following will represent the C.S.C.C. "A" team in a friendly match v. Kowloon 2nd XI on the Kowloon ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday:—H. F. Harper (captain), C. B. Beardall, G. E. Ursell, H. F. Westlake, C. W. Jeffries, T. W. Carr, R. S. W. Patterson, S. B. Spillet, B. C. K. Hawkins, E. A. Bastin, F. E. Booker.

The following have been selected to represent the University in a friendly match against the Royal Navy at Pokfulam on Saturday:—A. A. Rumjahn (captain), H. N. Bahatchet, A. S. Hett, D. K. Samy, D. Laing, C. W. Lam, S. O. Shahabudin, S. Hachuma, W. H. Sing, E. Zimmern, and B. P. Ng.

The following will represent Wayfong against Ewo on the Chinese Recreation Club ground on Saturday, starting at 2 p.m.:—D. E. G. Nicholson, D. E. Peat, J. Hall, W. J. Clark, R. A. Green, O. Skinner, E. V. Parker, W. Lee, J. A. D. Morrison, R. L. Moncrieff, V. R. Jones.

KOWLOON GOLF.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW.

In the Kowloon Golf Club Championship, the first round has to be completed by December 20.

The 29 entries have been drawn as follows:—

W. J. Carroll v. R. Johnson; F. Lickley v. T. McGarry; R. Meldrum v. E. A. Beaumont; J. O. McLaggen v. W. McG. Davies; C. Eaves v. J. H. Gelling; T. E. Jones v. A. C. S. Burford; W. J. Shenton v. A. Brooks; A. E. Lawrence v. W. Paterson; A. W. Brown v. F. E. Remedios; A. W. da Rosa v. J. D. Thomson; V. C. Labrum v. A. W. Roberts; S. J. Jordain v. B. Petheram; F. Oliver v. J. H. Bottomley; Byes: E. A. da Rosa, F. X. Remedios and K. S. Robertson.

LADIES' FOURSOMES.

FANLING NEW COURSE, RESULT.

A Shanghai foursome competition was played over the New Course, Fanling, this Tuesday, for prizes presented by Mrs. A. H. Ferguson and resulted as follows:—

Mrs. Shalabear and Mrs. Totterton, 107-12-38.
Mrs. Leggett and Mrs. Rowley, 99-11-37.
Mrs. E. B. Reed and Mrs. Walter Lang, 97-9-39.

OXFORD HOCKEY.

ALL INDIANS LOSE TO OCCASIONALS.

JAIPAL SINGH'S FORM.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, Nov. 5.

At hockey, the Oxford University Occasionals, practically the Varsity eleven, beat Jaipal Singh's All-Indian team by 6 goals to 2.

Jaipal Singh has sufficiently recovered to show glimpses of his old form.

The Oxonian hockey player, Jaipal Singh, hopes to resume his place in the University side shortly. He is fast recovering from a severe injury to his foot, sustained in stopping a run-away horse at Marseilles.

He is planning to take a strong team of Indians from the various Universities to Spain during the Christmas vacation.



The Irish women hockey stars romped away from the American girls at the Westchester-Biltmore grounds. Here is May Brooks, American goal tender, missing a fast shot by an Irish girl.

FAMOUS HORSE.

RICHMOND PARK OWNER DEAD.

(Times of Ceylon.)

Adelaide, Nov. 12.
The death is announced of Mr. J. H. Adridge, the owner of the famous Richmond Park stud, where the famous horse Carbine was bred, who scored 33 wins out of 48 starts and was only once unplaced.

The colt earned the owner £29,626 in stakes.

The stock of Carbine, Horse Pistol, subsequently won more to the value of nearly £200,000.

LAWN BOWLS.

FINAL OF K.B.G. CLUB SINGLES.

Mr. A. Gourlay won the final of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's singles championship yesterday, defeating Mr. A. Holland by 21 points to 20 after a thrilling finish.

Holland was 3 shots up early in the game until the 19th head. At the 26th the score read Holland 20, Gourlay 17. Then Holland lay three. Gourlay laid his last wood and secured four counters, making the score in his favour, 21-20.

BOXING.

Through a printer's error, a mistake occurred yesterday in the letter written by Chief Petty Officer "Jim" Cartledge.

With regard to Stoker Morrell, Cartledge is made to say:—

I will fight Morrell for any title and H.K.B.A. purse at the lightweight limit.

This, of course, should have read:—

I will fight Morrell for my title and H.K.B.A. purse at the lightweight limit.

H.M.S. "Carlisle" beat South China in a "friendly" football match at Sookumpoo yesterday. The Chinese had several reserves playing, viz: Kwok Sin-yan (left back), Ko Sik-wai (right half),

Pang Kam-wing (right wing), P. F. Choy (left inside) and Lau Kau (left wing). Chan So played inside right and Leung Yuk-tong dropped to right back.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 10, 1925, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Society.
T.T. on London	2/4 1/2	2/4 1/2	2/4 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	75 3/4	75 3/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1080 b 1090 a	\$1080 sa	\$1080 a.
do. London	1218 n.	—	1218 1/2 a.
Chartered Bank	520 n.	520 n.	520 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	520 1/2 n.	520 1/2 n.	520 1/2 n.
do. C.	513 1/2 n.	513 1/2 n.	512 n.
P. & O. Bank	50 1/2 n.	50 1/2 n.	50 1/2 n.
Bank of East Asia	58 1/2 n.	58 1/2 n.	\$ 80 a.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	600 n.	600 b.	\$ 600 b.
China Underwriters	215 b.	215 b.	215 b. 2 1/4 a.
North China Insurance	T 140 n.	T 140 n.	T 140 n.
Union Insurance	250 b.	249 n.	\$250 s.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	35 1/2 b.	35 b.
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	160 n.	160 b.	\$ 200 n.
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 n.	600 b.	500 n.
Shipping.			
Douglases	40 n.	32 n.	40 n.
Hongkong Steamboats	23 n.	23 1/4 n.	23 n.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2 n.	4 1/2 n.	4 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	65 1/2 s.	—	65 s.
do. () Hk.	65 1/2 s.	40 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	\$250 n.	255 n.	—
Shell Transport	100 1/2 sa.	98 1/2 n.	95 1/2 b.
Star Ferries	\$60 1/2/61 sa.	60 b. 61 a.	\$60 b. 61 a.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 n.	16 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31 b.	31 b.	31 b.
Malayan Sugars	48 n.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguet	2 n.	—	2 1/4 n.
Kailash Mining Ad.	45 1/2 n.	52 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	T 3 1/2 n.	T 3 1/2 n.	T 3 1/2 n.
do. (Single)	10 1/2 n.	20 s.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5.45 sa.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	8 n.	8 n.	—
Raubs	\$7 n.	\$6 1/2 n. x.d.	7 s.
Tromoh Mines	58 1/2 n.	60 1/2 n.	60 1/2 b. ex rts.
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n.	—	7 1/2 n.
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$13 1/2 n.	\$134 n.	\$132 b. 134 a.
H.K. & W. Docks	55 1/2 n.	56 n.	56 b.
Hongkewa	T 165 b.	—	T 165 b.
New Engineerings	7 b.	T 7 n.	7 b.
Shanghai Docks	115 n.	113 b.	113 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$9 1/2 b.	9 1/2 n.	9 1/2 a.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	68 1/2 sa.	68 1/2 s.	68 b.
H.K. Realty	6 b.	5 1/2 b.	6 b.
H.K. Territorials	5 b. 5 1/2 sa.	5 1/2 b.	5 b. 6 s.
Humphreys Estates	14 b.	14 n.	14 b.
Princes Building	150 n.	150 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T 10 1/2 s.	T 10 1/4 b.	T 10 1/4 b.
Oriental	3 1/2 n.	3 1/4 b.	3 1/2 a.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	66 n.	65 b.	66 a.
do. (new)	36 n.	38 b.	38 b.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	\$7 1/2 n.	\$7 s.	\$ 7 s.
Cements (comb.)	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 a.
do. (old)	12 1/2 n.	12 1/2 b.	12 1/2 a.
do. (new)	3 n.	3 n.	3 s.
China Buses	T 10 1/2 b.	20 s.	—
China Lights (comb.)	20 sa.	20 s.	10 1/2 a.
do. (old)	15 1/2 n.	15 s.	14 1/2 a.
do. (new)	10 1/4 b.	10 1/2 s.	10 1/2 a.
China Prov. (comb.)	33 n.	—	—
do. (old)	9 s.	9 n.	9 a.
do. (new)	9 s.	—	—
Dairy Farms	18 b. 19 s.	18 1/2 a.	19 a.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	10 n.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	5 n.	—
Hongkong Amusements	10 1/2 b.	10 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	1.85 b.	2 b.	4 s.
Hongkong Electric	55 n.	53 1/2 sa.	53 1/2 a.
H.K. Developments	30 cts. b.	cts 30 b.	cts 23 b.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40 a.	40 n.	40 n.
do. (old)	13 1/2 n.	12 n.	14 s.
do. (new)	8 1/2 n.	7 n.	8 1/2 n.
Hongkong Tramways	25 b.	24 1/2 a.	25 s.
Lane, Crawford	12 1/2 b.	12 1/2 n.	13 s.
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
Macintosh	2 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	12 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	16 b.
do. (new)	8 n.	8 n.	9 n.
Sinceres	11 s.	10 b.	10 a.
Singapore Trams	—	8 1/2 n.	—
Taxis	5 s.	5 s.	5 a.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders) do. (Ordinary)	—	600 n. 18 n.	— —
Watsons (old)	15 s.	12 1/2 b. 13 s.	15 a.
do. (new)	14 s.	—	—
Wm. Powells	13 s.	—	13 a.

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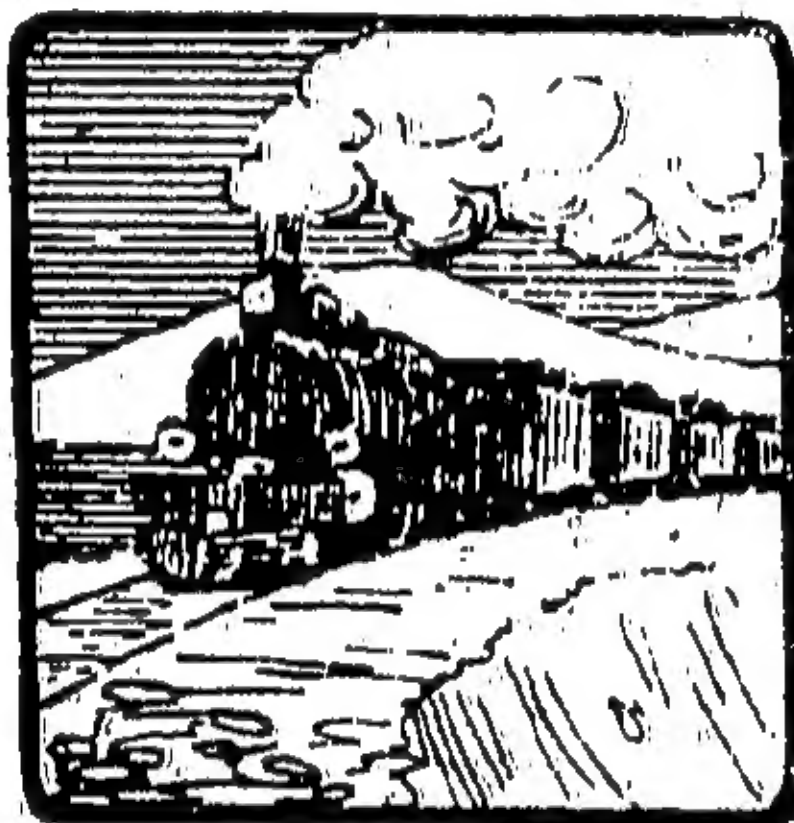
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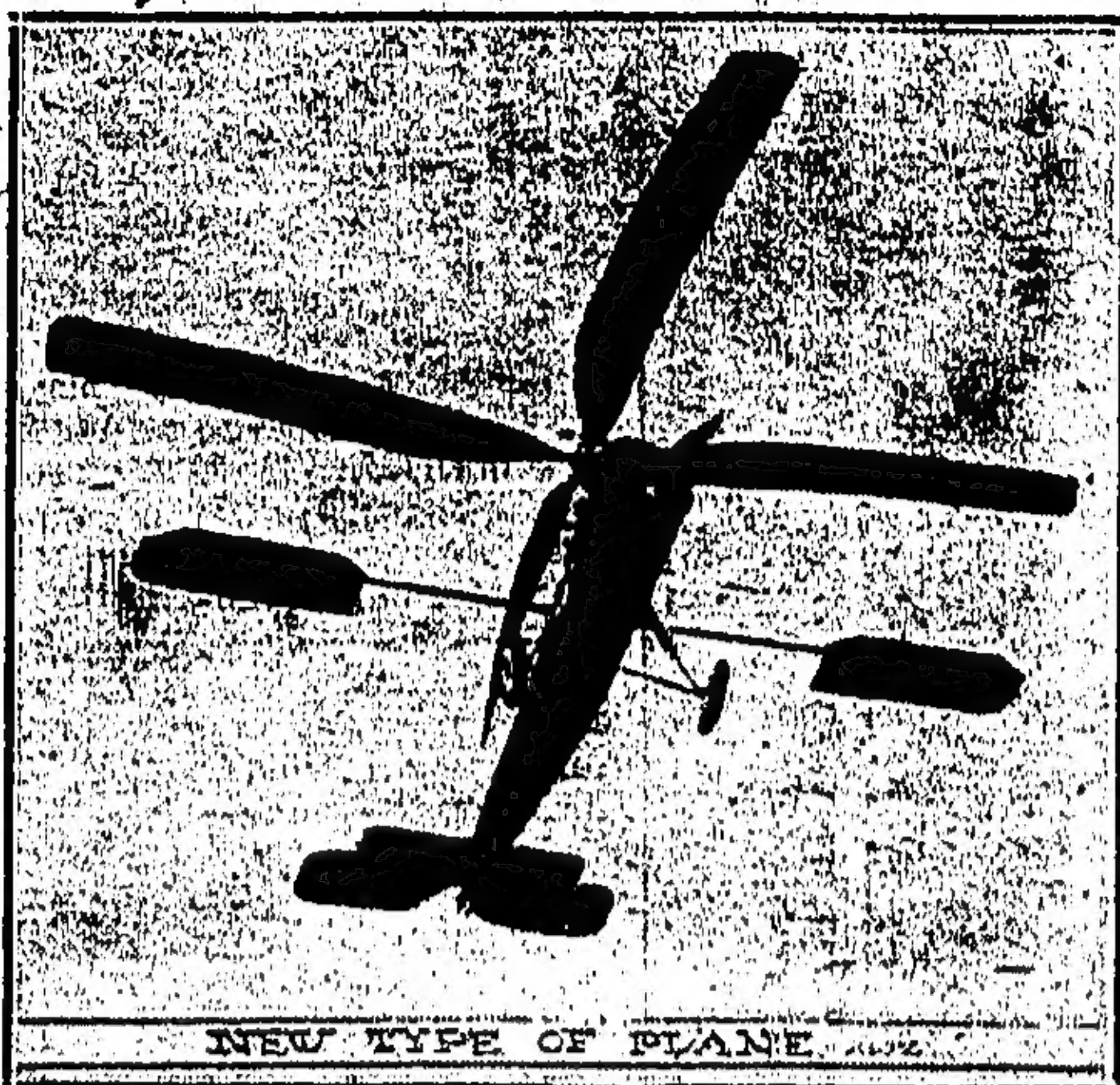
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People and Events in the News of the World



NEW TYPE OF PLANE

Designed and built by Juan de la Cierva, of Spain, this machine is a combination of the ordinary aeroplane, helicopter and gyroscope, having the power to raise itself almost straight in the air. Trial flights at Aldershot have been marked with success.



The thought of her baby, fatherless, drove Helen Schultz crazy, she told detectives when arrested for killing a man.



EMILE DAESCHNER & VICTOR BORENGER

M. Victor Borenger has been selected to succeed M. Emile Daeschner as French Ambassador to the United States. Paris, it is said, feels Senator Borenger is the best man available to bring about a settlement of the debt question.



JACQUELINE ROGERS & PRINCE OF WALES

Jacqueline Rogers, pretty 22-year-old girl, arrested for motor car thefts, is said to have confessed to stealing 40 machines. Because of her striking likeness to the Prince of Wales—shown below—she was known as "the Prince."



PELTON E. F. WOOD

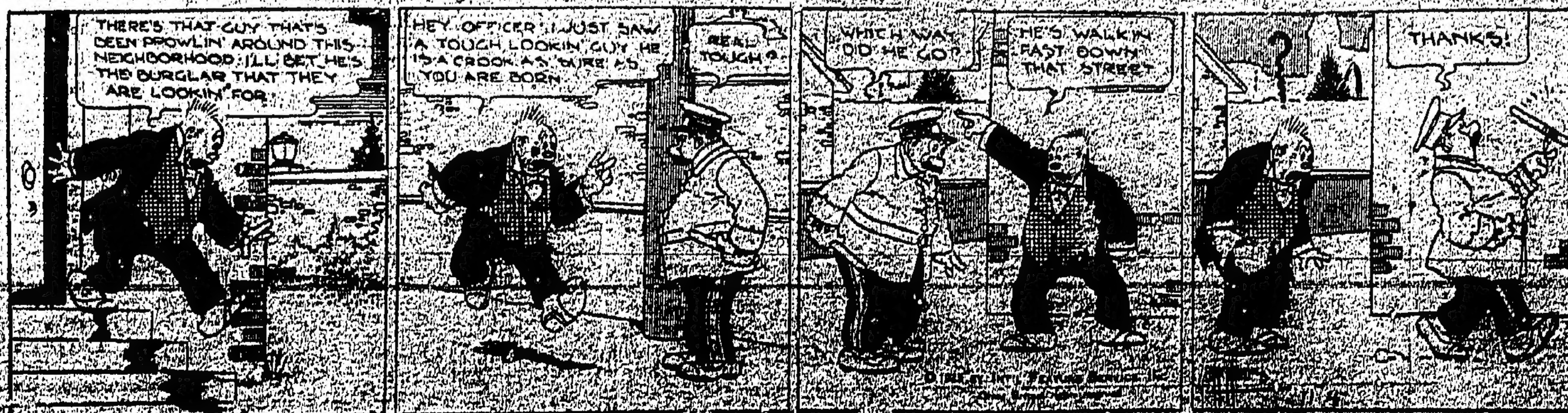
The Rt. Hon. E. F. L. Wood, who succeeds Lord Reading as Viceroy of India, is 40 years old. He has been Minister of Agriculture since last November.



AMOS ALONZO STAGG & COL. T. M. MILLER

The Rev. H. E. Kirk, rigid Fundamentalist, has been called to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City. Chester Beach, noted sculptor, won the Potter Palmer medal for his "Sea Horse." Amos Alonzo Stagg, at 68, is celebrating his 34th year as a football coach. Col. T. M. Miller, former Allen Property Custodian, has been indicted on a charge of conspiring to defraud the U.S. of over \$1,000,000.

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HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1828
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1726
The Eyrie	1726
Peak Hotel	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Hinterlands)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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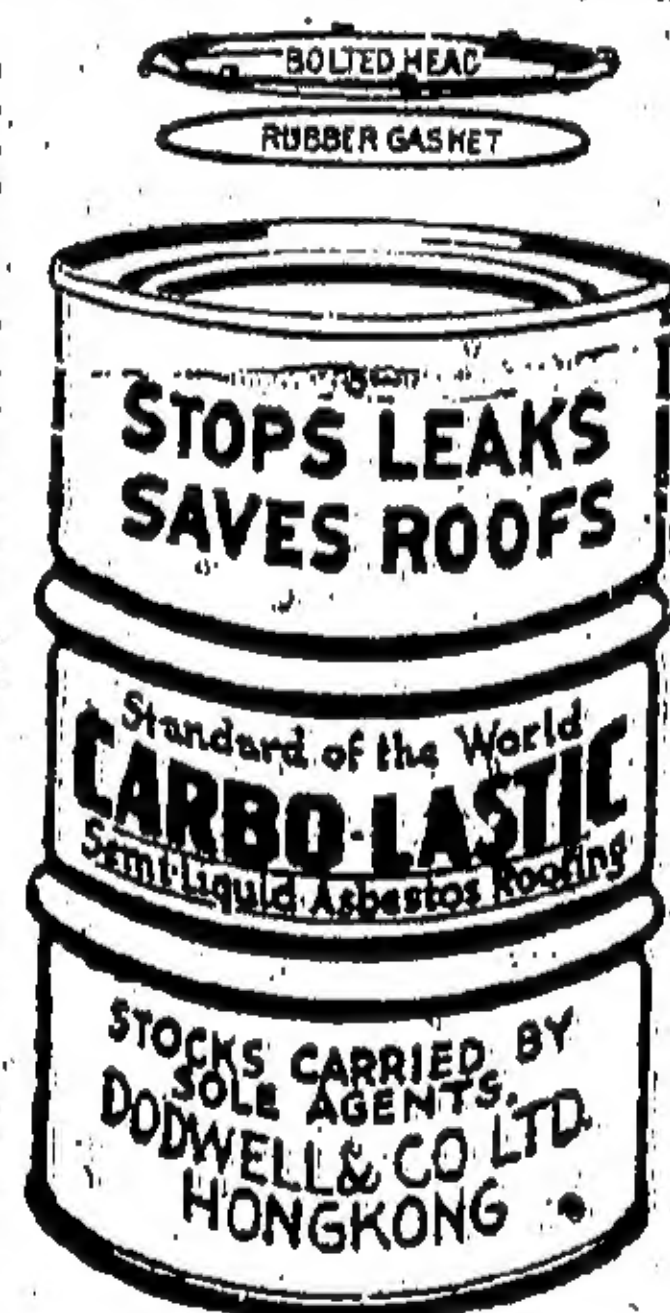
per," to whom she was devoted, over the wild moors which lay just beyond her father's parsonage. But in half a dozen poems she rose to a height which places her for a certain quality among the greatest poets, not only of England, but of the world. —Lord Haldane in "John of London's Weekly."

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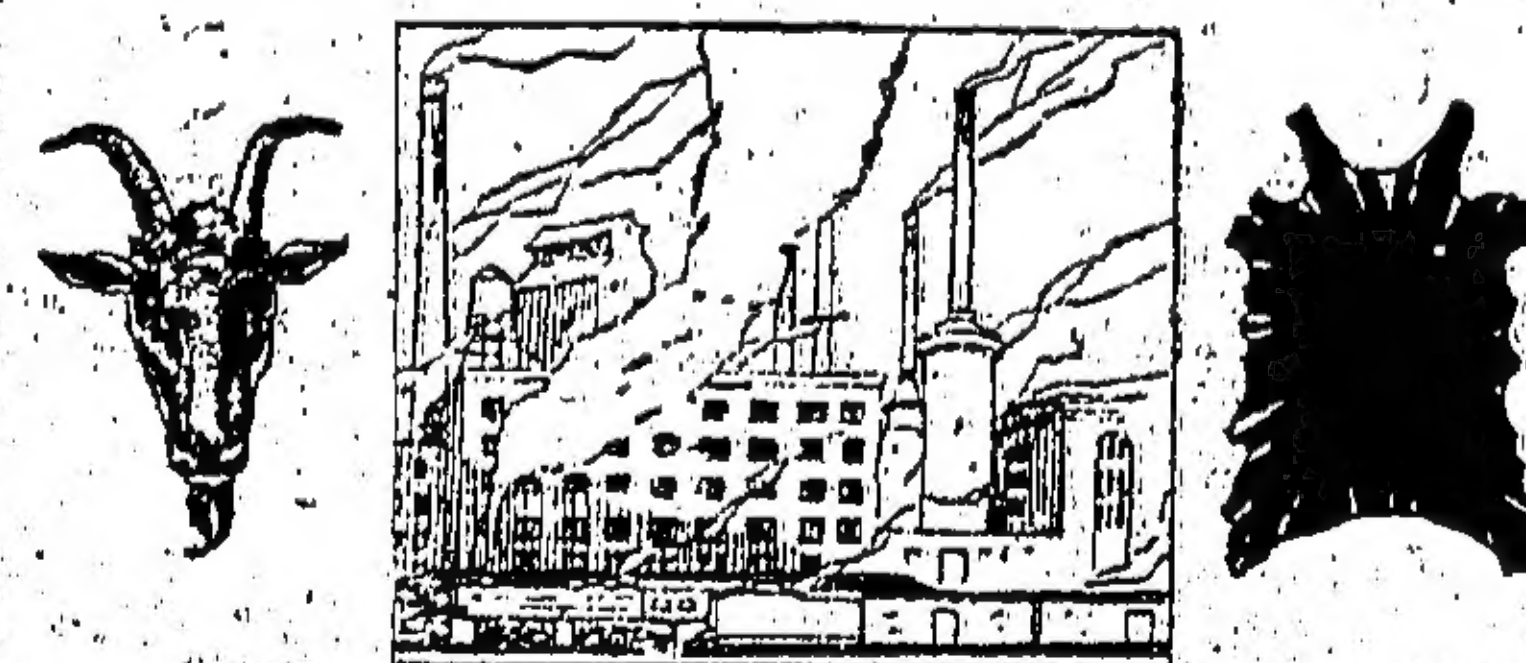
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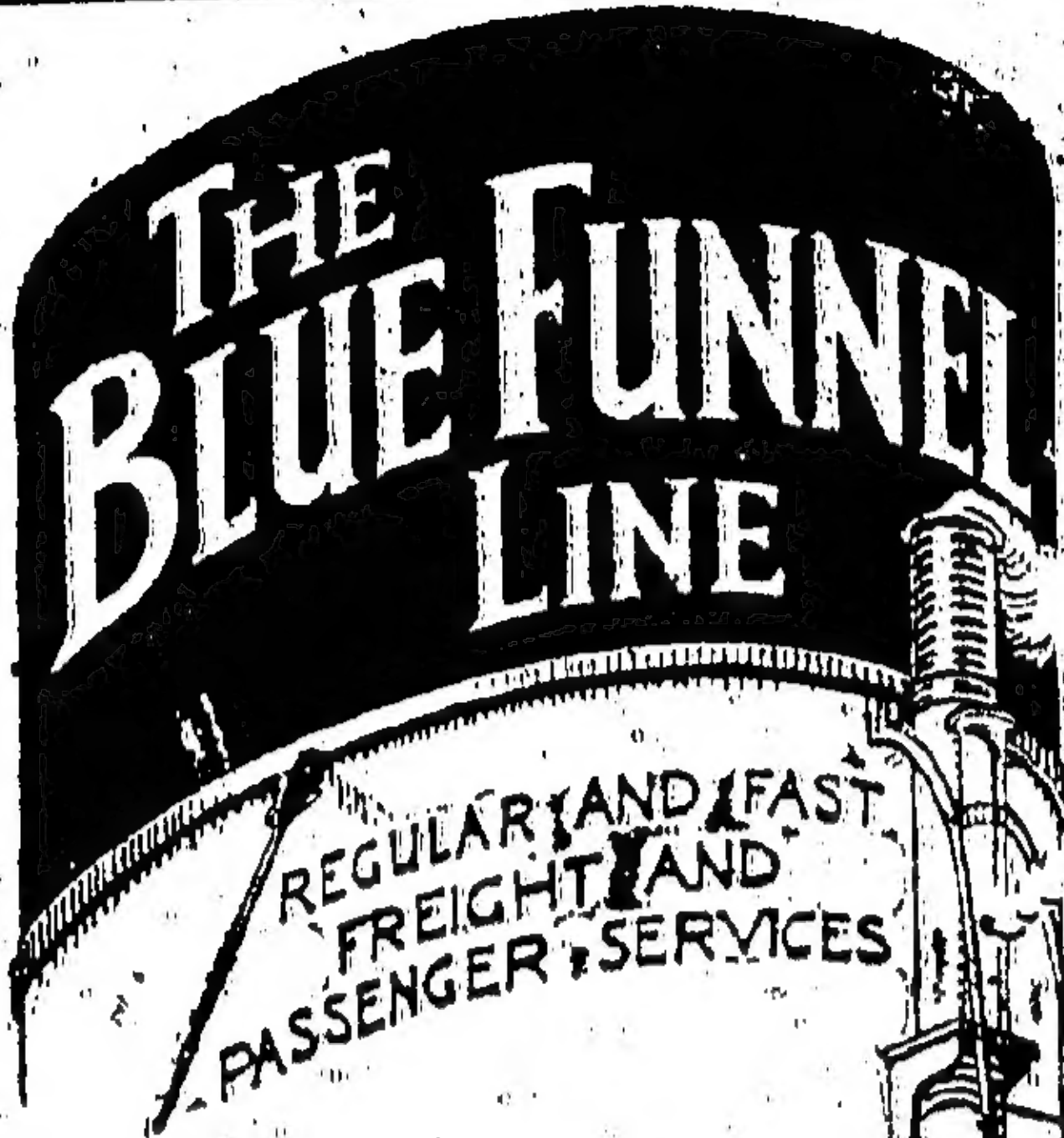
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.			
Straits		Aluta Maru	
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai		Pres. McKinley	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.			
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.			
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.			
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.			
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11.			
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Haihow and Haiphong		Tingyang	10.30 a.m.
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 Hongkong, 5th December, 1925.

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